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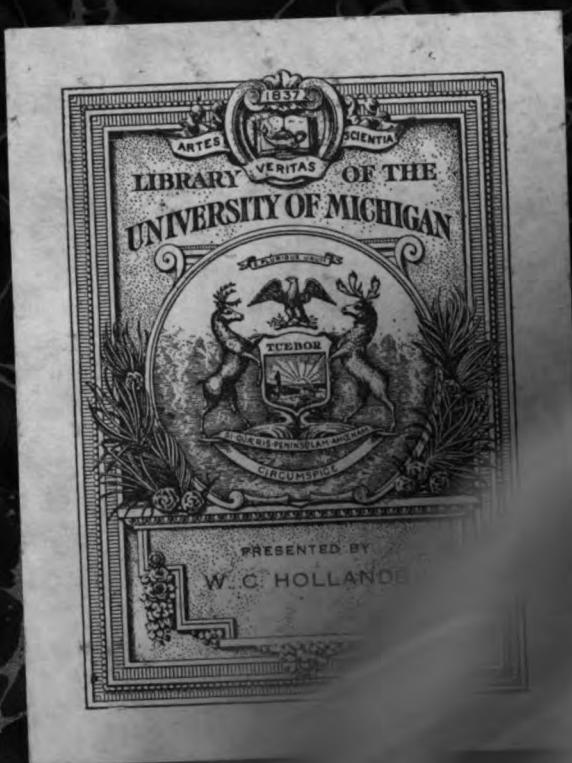
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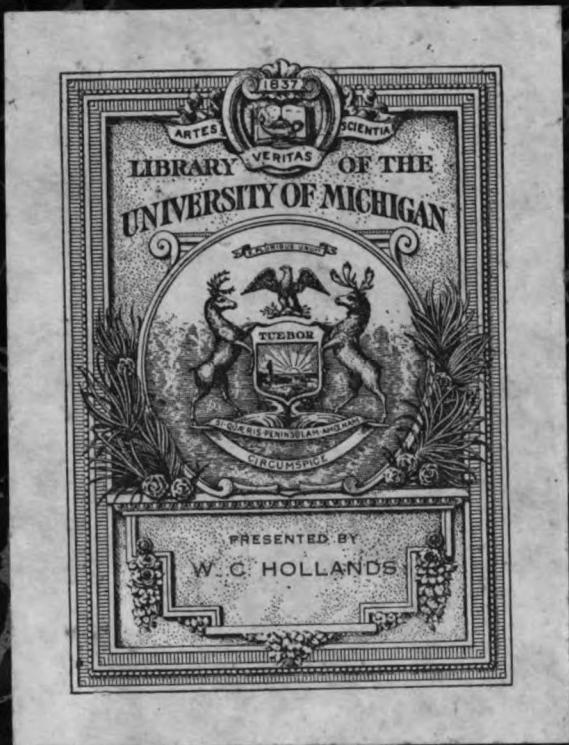
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COMMENCING

ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE HEBREW MONTH בָּנִיא, A.: M.: 5632,
ANSWERING TO THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1871.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, OF PORTLAND, MAINE,
M.: P.: Sov.: GRAND COMMANDER. •

DANIEL SICKELS, 33°, OF NEW YORK,
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NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ANNUAL SESSION, 1871.

GRAND ORIENT, *Boston Mass.*

In accordance with action had at the last Session, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, June, 1870, and in pursuance of summons issued, the SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION assembled at Masonic Temple, in the City of Boston, Mass., on the first day of the Hebrew month בָּסְלִין A.: M.: 5632, corresponding to Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1871, V.: E.:

The SUPREME COUNCIL was opened in due form, at 10 o'clock A. M., by the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander.

The Divine blessing was invoked by the Rev. and Ill.: Bro.: Charles H. Titus, of Mass., who was appointed Grand Prior for the Session.

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OFFICERS PRESENT.

- Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND . M.: P.: Sov.: Commander.
 " ENOCH T. CARSON . . P.: Gr.: Lt.-Commander.
 " JOSEPH D. EVANS . as Gr.: Minister of State.
 " HEMAN ELY . . . Gr.: Treas.-Gen.: H.: E.:
 " DANIEL SICKELS . . . Gr.: Sec.-Gen.: H.: E.:
 " NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF Gr.: Keeper of the Archives.
 " D. BURNHAM TRACY . as Gr.: Captain of the Guard.
 " ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.
 " H. STANLEY GOODWIN, . Gr.: Marshal-General.
 " WALTER A. STEVENS as Gr.: Standard Bearer.

The roll of ACTIVE and EMERITUS MEMBERS was called, and there were present, as follows:

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| Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, | Ill.: ALBERT G. GOODALL, |
| " ENOCH T. CARSON, | " JOHN CHRISTIE, |
| " HEMAN ELY, | " LUCIUS R. PAIGE, |
| " DANIEL SICKELS, | " ALVIN B. ALDEN, |
| " NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, | " RUFUS W. LANDON, |
| " ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON, | " WINSLOW LEWIS, |
| " H. STANLEY GOODWIN, | " RICHARD M. BARKER, |
| " JOSEPH D. EVANS, | " AARON KING, |
| " D. BURNHAM TRACY, | " ANTHONY E. STOCKER, |
| " CHARLES W. MOORE, | " THOMAS A. DOYLE, |
| " K. H. VAN RENNSLAER, | " CHARLES L. WOODBURY, |
| " JOHN L. LEWIS, | " NATHAN H. GOULD, |
| " JOHN SHEVILLE, | " CHARLES W. CARTER, |
| " THOMAS J. CORSON, | " JOHN H. GEORGE, |
| " J. CLARKE HAGEY, | " WILLIAM PARKMAN, |
| " WILLIAM PITTS PREBLE, | " BENJAMIN DEAN, |
| " HENRY C. BANKS, | " ORRIN WELCH, |
| " CHAS. T. McCLENACHAN, | " WILLIAM S. GARDNER, |
| " WALTER A. STEVENS, | " VINCENT L. HURLBUT. |

EMERITUS MEMBERS.

Ill.: JOHN W. SIMONS,

Ill.: FRANCIS A. BLADES.

There were present, also, the following

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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| Ill.'. CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, | Ill.'. CHARLES H. TITUS, |
| “ CALVIN L. STOWELL, | “ ROYAL G. MILLARD, |
| “ DANIEL W. WYMAN, | “ FITZ GERALD TISDALE, |
| “ ALBERT P. MORIARTY, | “ PHINEAS D. BALLOU, |
| “ WILLIAM ELLISON, | “ OTIS COLE, |
| “ ISRAEL HUNT, | “ EDWARD P. BURNHAM, |
| “ NEWELL A. THOMPSON, | “ EDWARD STEARNS, |
| “ MARSHALL P. WILDER, | “ JOEL SPAULDING, |
| “ WILLIAM SUTTON, | “ WILLIAM F. SALMON, |
| “ THOMAS E. HATCH, | “ THOMAS R. LAMBERT, |
| “ GEORGE H. PEIRSON, | “ WYZEMAN MARSHALL, |
| “ SAMUEL H. GREGORY, | “ WILLIAM W. TUCKER, |
| “ ROBERT H. WATERMAN, | “ OLIVER ELLSWORTH, |
| “ EDWIN J. LOOMIS, | “ BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, |
| “ JAMES B. BRAYTON, | “ Z. H. THOMAS, Jr., |
| “ JOHN D. DENNIS, | “ CHARLES B. HALL, |
| “ ALBERT H. CHAFFEE, | “ CHARLES H. THOMSON, |
| “ NEWTON D. ARNOLD, | “ JOHN McCLELLAN, |
| “ EDMUND DANA BANCROFT, | “ CHARLES H. WHITE. |
| “ WILLIAM W. BAKER, | |

The Grand Commander appointed Bro.'. F. A. Pierce,
32', as Gr.'. Seneschal, for the Session.

On motion of Bro.'. ALBERT G. GOODALL, the reading
of the minutes of the last Session was dispensed with,
the same having been printed and distributed.

The Grand Commander read the following letter from
Bro.'. AMMI B. YOUNG:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10, 1871.

ILL'. BROTHER:

I very much regret, owing to severe ill health, my inability to attend the next Annual Session of the Supreme Council, A.'. A.'. Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, to be held in the City of Boston, on the 14th day of Nov., A. D. 1871.

Since my return from attendance upon the Supreme Council at Cincinnati, in June, 1870, I have not seen a well day; yet had hoped, until recently, to make the journey to Boston to attend the Supreme Council on the 14th inst.; but a recent severe attack of illness admonished me I must forego that much desired pleasure, upon which I had so fully calculated.

I beg you to present to the Ill'. Sov'. Inspectors-General, my sincere regrets at my absence and my best wishes for the success of their important duties in Council.

Very truly yours,

AMMI B. YOUNG, 33°.

Ill'. Sov'. Commander J. H. DRUMMOND,

Boston, Mass.

On motion of Bro'. NATHAN H. GOULD, the letter was received, and Bro'. YOUNG was excused; and the earnest hopes of the Supreme Council for his speedy restoration to health directed to be expressed to him.

The following letter from Bro'. HENRY L PALMER was also read:

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 9, A. D. 1871.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Esq.,

Sov'. Gr'. Commander and Ill'. Bro':

I regret to say that I shall be deprived of the pleasure of meeting with the Supreme Council next week, as I had hoped and intended. I have now been confined to my house by illness for nearly ten days, and although I am now much better, and hope soon to be well, my physician absolutely prohibits my making any attempts to travel at present.

I pray you, therefore, to have me excused.

Ill'. Bros'. ALDEN and CARPENTER will, I trust, both be present

Fraternally and truly yours,

HENRY L PALMER, 33°.

Which, on motion of Bro'. SHEVILLE, of New Jersey, was received, and Bro'. PALMER was excused.

Bro'. JOHN CAVEN, Deputy for Indiana, tendered an excuse for non-attendance, which being deemed satisfactory, he was excused.

Bro'. JOSEPH D. EVANS stated that he had received a letter from Bro'. JOSEPH H. HOUGH announcing his in-

ability to attend this Session, and moved that he be excused. The motion was seconded by Bro.: THOMAS J. CORSON, and adopted.

Bro.: K. H. VAN RENSSELAER offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That in consequence of the great loss the brethren and bodies of the Rite in Chicago, Illinois, have sustained by the late fire, that the dues, as per returns, to this Supreme Council, for the year 1871, be, and are hereby remitted.

The M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: COMMANDER then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

ILLUSTRIOS BRETHREN:

After a separation of nearly a year and a half, we are permitted to meet again in Supreme Council under circumstances that call for devout gratitude to Almighty God for His mercy and loving kindness unto us. Of all of us, who participated in the deliberations of the last Annual Session, death has called no one away. Peace and prosperity, though not wholly unmixed with disaster, have been with us.

IN MEMORIAM.

But at our last Session, we missed one who had theretofore almost always been with us, and we miss him also to-day. He will never again meet with us on earth. On the fourth day of August last, ABNER BOURNE THOMPSON, 88^o, active member and Deputy of the Supreme Council for Maine, died at his residence, in Brunswick, after a sickness of considerable duration. While it was known that his illness was probably fatal, it was not understood that there was immediate danger, and the intelligence of his death took us by surprise. One of the last acts of his life was to issue the Summons for a Council of Deliberation, which was adjourned on account of his absence; and at an adjourned Session of which a Lodge of Sorrow was held in his memory, under the direction of Yates Grand Lodge of Perfection; to the eulogy pronounced on the occasion, and incorporated into the proceedings of the Council of Deliberation, I refer you for a history of his life and Masonic services. He was buried by the Grand Lodge of Maine (of which he was Past Grand Master), and I had the melancholy satisfaction of attending his funeral and, by invitation of the M.: W.: Grand Master, of participating in the ceremonies. By his death the office of Deputy for Maine became vacant, and it will be necessary for you, at this Session, to elect his successor.

Nor are we alone in affliction caused by the death of Chiefs in our Rite.

On the twentieth of April last, the Supreme Council of Belgium was called to mourn the loss of Ill.^r. Bro.^r. HENRI JOSEPH PEETERS, 33^r, our Representative near that august Body. I submit herewith the official announcement of his death. [A].

On the twenty-sixth of March last, JOSE ROQUE PEREZ, our Representative near the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic, and Honorary Member of that Supreme Council, fell a victim to the yellow fever which was then raging with unheard of fury and fatality in the City of BUENOS AYRES. Bro.^r. PEREZ was a Chief Magistrate of the city, and was elected President of the "*Commission Popular*," an association formed by the citizens to relieve the destitute and allay the sufferings of the sick. He contracted the fatal disease while engaged in this noble work, and thus, in the prime of manhood, sacrificed his own life in efforts to save the lives of others.

The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction has been afflicted in a most extraordinary degree, having lost three of the ablest, best, and most beloved of its members.

On the twelfth of August, 1870, BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH, 33^r, Gr.^r. Lieut.-Commander, and our Representative near that Supreme Council, bade farewell to his weeping brethren, and yielded up his life on earth in the full faith of entering upon life eternal. He was a sound jurist, an accomplished writer, a zealous and faithful Mason, whose pure life and character endeared him to his brethren, almost beyond parallel.

At our last Session, we received and welcomed, among others, Ill.^r. GILES MUMFORD HILLYER, 33^r, Grand Minister of State of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, and none who were present can ever forget his eloquent and fraternal response. Though then seriously ill, he struggled most manfully against his malady, but in vain; for on the twenty-second of April last "the blow so long anticipated fell, and the spirit of Giles M. Hillyer passed calmly to his Maker."

The death of Ill.^r. Bro.^r. Hillyer was followed on the first day of August, 1871, by that of Ill.^r. JOHN JENNINGS WORSHAM, 33^r, of Tennessee, Grand Treas.-General, H.^r. E.^r.

Thus, within less than a year, our sister Supreme Council lost three of its officers. I submit herewith a copy of the official announcement of the death of each for such action as you deem fitting. [B, C, D].

NEW BODIES.

I have granted Dispensations for New Bodies of the Rite, as follows:

Feb. 16, 1871, to Excelsior Chapter Rose Croix, at Camden, New Jersey; April 16, 1871, to Norwich Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix, at Norwich, New York; July 1. 1871, to Jersey City Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Jersey City

Chapter of Rose Croix, at Jersey City, New Jersey; and Aug. 19, 1871. to Templar Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at New York City.

The constitutional provision that "No Charter shall be granted until the Petitioners shall have worked under Dispensation at least six months," being confined to Lodges of Perfection, all these Bodies, as well as Delta Lodge of Perfection, U. D. at Troy, New York, and Chenango Valley Lodge of Perfection, at Norwich, New York, (whose Dispensations were continued last year), are entitled to apply for Charters, provided they have obtained the requisite recommendation of the Council of Deliberation. This recommendation has been given, except in the case of Templar Council, whose Dispensation has been granted since the Session of the New York Council of Deliberation.

When the first application for a Dispensation was made to me, I had grave doubts whether under the amendments to the constitution adopted last year, I had authority to issue Dispensations for new Bodies of the Rite, without the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation. The provisions of the Constitution seemed to me at first to conflict with each other; but upon consideration, I came to the conclusion that the recommendation is required only for the granting of *Charters*. The prohibition is that no *warrant* shall be granted without such recommendation. The word "*warrant*" has sometimes been held to include dispensation as well as Charter. All three words are used in the Constitution. By Art. 8, the Grand Commander is authorized to issue Dispensations for the organization of subordinate bodies during the recess; while by Art. 15, all *Charters* (dispensations not being mentioned) shall bear date from the Grand Orient. In Art. 20, the language used is, "All Charters or Dispensations," while in Art. 23, the language is "Dispensations or Warrants." This, as well as other instances which might be cited shows that the word *warrant* is used in the Constitution as synonymous with *Charter*. It seems unfortunate, however, that both words should be used to designate the same thing. The construction I adopted harmonizes all the provisions of the Constitutions relating to the subject. It being desirable that Dispensations may issue at any time during the recess of the Supreme Council, power to grant them is given to the Grand Commander, provided the recommendation of the Deputy is obtained, but the power of granting Charters, which need not issue during the recess, is vested in the Supreme Council, upon the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation, which also meets but once a year, and usually but a few months before the Session of the Supreme Council.

The New York Council of Deliberation adopted the same construction, admitted the officers of the Bodies to which I issued Dispensations, as members, and recommended that Charters be granted to those Bodies. Also, two petitions for Dispensations having been presented for approval, the Council declared that it did not conceive that those applications required its recommendation, but as it was urged that the

recommendation could do no harm, it referred the applications to the favorable consideration of the Grand Commander.

It is proper to say here that one of the applications was for a new Consistory in New York City, but as the Deputy withheld his recommendation, the petition did not come to me for action.

CONFERRING THE THIRTY-THIRD GRADE DURING THE RECESS.

Under the resolution of the Supreme Council at its last Session (see Proc. of 1870, pp. 88 and 89), providing for conferring the thirty-third grade upon elected candidates, I have to report the following action:

On July 16, 1870, I issued a Commission to Ill.^r. Alvin B. Alden, 33^r, Deputy for Wisconsin, by virtue of which the grade was conferred upon Ill.^r. Albert Von Haller Carpenter, on the twenty-fifth day of the same month.

On August 10, I issued a Commission to Ill.^r. Nathan H. Gould, 33^r, Deputy for Rhode Island, for conferring the grade upon Ill.^r. James B. Brayton, which duty he performed on the twenty-fourth of that month.

By virtue of a similar Commission, issued to Ill.^r. Enoch T. Carson, 33^r, as Deputy for Ohio, the grade was on the thirteenth day of September, conferred upon Ill.^r. Bros.^r. James Sutton Totten, William Rockwood Hawes, Kent Jarvis, Charles Christian Kiefer, Flavins Josephus Phillips, and Bellamy Storer.

By virtue of a similar Commission, issued to Ill.^r. Bro.^r. John Sheville, 33^r, Deputy for New Jersey, the grade was conferred upon Ill.^r. Bro.^r. William Wallace Goodwin, on the fifteenth day of October, 1870.

By virtue of a similar Commission, issued to Ill.^r. D. Burnham Tracy, 33^r, Deputy for Michigan, the grade was conferred upon Ill.^r. Bros.^r. Augustus Bernard Tabor, James Fenton, William Samuel Patrick, and Andrew James Kellogg, on the fifteenth of November last.

And by virtue of a similar Commission, issued to Ill.^r. Anthony E. Stocker, 33^r, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the grade was conferred upon the Ill.^r. Bros.^r. John Hanold, Townsend Sharpless Hunn, Charles Henry Kingston, Calvin Llewellyn Stowell, and Isaac Dininger Lutz, on the sixth day of December last.

Returns of the foregoing Commissions having been received before the Proceedings were published, I directed their publication. See pages 206 to 210.

By my order, Ill.^r. Samuel C. Lawrence, 33^r, Deputy for Massachusetts, convened the active and honorary members resident in Massachusetts, on the sixth day of January, 1871, when, with their assistance, I conferred the thirty-third grade upon Ill.^r. Bros.^r. Oliver Ellsworth, George H. Peirson, Samuel J. M. Homer, and Samuel H. Gregory. There were present *thirteen* active and *twenty-six* honorary members of the Supreme Council, including the visitors. The record duly certified is herewith submitted.

On the twenty-second day of June, 1871, by virtue of a special Commission issued to him for that purpose, Ill'. Vincent L. Hurlbut, 33°, Deputy for Illinois, conferred the grade upon Ill'. Bros'. Horatio N. Hurlbut, Jacob W. Brewer, and Warren G. Purdy, of Illinois. The official record is herewith submitted, and a copy is also published in the Proceedings of the Illinois Council of Deliberation.

I issued a similar Commission to Ill'. John Caven, 33°, Deputy for Indiana, but no return of it has been made and I am informed that no action was had under it, owing to the impossibility of procuring the attendance of three active members, as required by the Regulation. In all cases these returns are attested by three active members of the Supreme Council. The following Sublime Princes elected last year, have not yet received the grade, viz: James A. Bate, of Wisconsin; Perrin V. Fox, Richard Bury, and DeWitt C. Hardy, of Michigan; John A. Fulton and David P. Wheeden, of Indiana; and Edward H. Brown and Peter S. Oliver, of New York.

IMPOSTERS.

During the summer of 1870, a person perambulated a portion of New England seeking to confer degrees which, it was alleged, he represented to be the degrees of our Rite, including the thirty-third, and which he claimed to have authority to confer. By letters and circulars I put the craft on their guard, and pretty effectually put a stop to his operations in Maine, and Ill'. Bro'. Pickering did the same in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The imposture having been very thoroughly exposed, I apprehended no further annoyance from that quarter. It is true that the dupes are the chief sufferers, and have no claim upon us for recognition, healing or anything else; still, it is annoying to have respectable brethren swindled by the use of one's name, even if it is forged.

In March last, evidence was placed in my hands tending to show that one Czar Jones, of Michigan, claiming to be a S'. P'. R'. S'. 32°, was seeking to open correspondence with the Spurious Body of New Orleans, for the purpose of organizing bodies under its authority, and finding from the Records that he had never received the degrees of the Rite in this jurisdiction, and had never been recognized in Michigan as having received them *anywhere*, I issued an edict to the Ill'. Deputy for Michigan forbidding the bodies and their members from having any intercourse with Jones as a Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. I have since learned that he *claims* to have received the degrees in Kentucky by communication while being a resident of Michigan; but I have not seen sufficient evidence to warrant his recognition. If he is a member of the Rite, he should be tried and expelled for seeking intercourse with Clandestine Masons.

MANUSCRIPTS, ETC., OF PAST.'. GR.'. COMMANDER GOURGAS.

It is known to many of you that the heirs of Ill.'. Bro.'. J. J. J. Gourgas had in their possession many manuscripts and books which he had collected in his life time, and offered them for sale, but at a price enormously beyond their value. They had been offered at \$500, but all who examined them advised me that they were not only not worth that sum, but that the Supreme Council would not be justified in paying any such sum for them. Many of the books belonging to his library had been sold, and are now widely scattered. I have myself purchased several of them in "Antiquarian Book Stores" in New York and elsewhere. But the manuscripts and many of the books still remained, and the heirs were anxious to sell them, but, without knowing it, held them at an extravagantly high price. After considerable fruitless negotiation with them by correspondence, Ill.'. Bro.'. CHARLES W. MOORE, at my request, went to examine them. He advised paying \$200 for them, though he said it was much above their real value. I made that proposition, and after some delay it was accepted, and the articles delivered to Bro.'. Moore, who forwarded them to me. I drew a draft on the Gr.'. Treas.-General H.'. E.'. in favor of Bro.'. Moore in payment, and I ask that the transaction be ratified by you. The vouchers are herewith submitted.

ARCHIVES, ETC.

The purchase of these manuscripts and books suggests that this Supreme Council has no place for its archives. It has many records, documents, etc., which are of inestimable value, but they are scattered over the jurisdiction in the hands of half a dozen men, at whose death they would be liable to be irrecoverably lost. The Eighth Article of the Constitution provides for the election of a Keeper of the Archives, and very wisely requires original documents to be kept at the Grand Orient. Practically this provision of the Constitution is a dead letter, and it must remain so until we have a suitable place of deposit. The Gourgas manuscripts are of little practical value, and I was disposed to destroy them; but if they can be deposited in a safe place controlled by the Supreme Council, they will be richly worth preserving. It has seemed to me that it is imperatively necessary to provide a safe place of deposit for our records and documents; and I have applied to the Trustees of this Masonic Temple to ascertain if they could furnish us a suitable room, but, at my last advices, they were unable to offer one. The Supreme Council is amply able to pay such rent as will secure to them the accommodation they need and the full control of it. I submit the matter to you, most earnestly advising that you take action in relation to it.

CASE OF ILL'. FREDERIC H. DORR, 33°.

Ill'. Frederic H. Dorr received the thirty-third degree in 1866, since which he has resided for business purposes in South America, and has had no opportunity of renewing the Oath of Fealty, as required by this Supreme Council, in 1867. In December last, he returned to Boston, the place of his permanent residence; and as he was obliged to return to South America before this Session of the Supreme Council, he was anxious to take the Oath of Fealty. But under the resolution of 1868, this could not be done without consent of the Supreme Council. Believing his case was not one contemplated when the resolution was adopted, I appointed Ill'. Bro'. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°, as my proxy to administer the Oath of Fealty to Bro'. Dorr, but upon the express condition that if the Oath was not accepted, and my action ratified by you, the proceeding should be void. Whereupon Bro'. Dorr took and subscribed the Oath of Fealty, which is herewith submitted.

CONSOLIDATION OF BODIES.

I am happy to report that in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, and Michigan several Bodies of the Rite have been consolidated. For the details, I refer you to the Reports of the Deputies of those States. The good effects of this course are not limited to the reduction of the number of Bodies; for by their union old rivalries are harmonized, and the last remains of the discord arising out of the state of things prior to 1867 are obliterated.

COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION.

By the amendment to the Constitution, adopted last year, Councils of Deliberation are invested with important powers; but, save in a few instances, they have not seen fit to exercise those powers. The Constitution requires the Deputy of the District to transmit the action and recommendations of each Council to the Gr'. Commander, to be submitted to the Supreme Council for its action. I have received such reports from the Deputies for Maine, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, and Michigan; but none from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, or Wisconsin. I presume that, in some cases, the Deputies overlooking the amendment of last year will present the action of their Council of Deliberation directly to you.

Maine.—The Maine Council of Deliberation asks the Supreme Council to allow Bodies to confer the degrees of the Rite upon clergymen without fee, basing their request upon the usage which has been expressly sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of that State for more than fifty years.

The same Council also requested that the price of Letters Patent and of Credence of the thirty-second degree (see Cons., Art. 25), be re-

duced. The price named in the Constitution is very much above the cost, and was originally established as a source of revenue for this Body. Considering the desirability of each member's having the proper certificate and that the excess above the cost is so much added to the dues to the Supreme Council, I submit whether our true interests do not require that the price charged shall not exceed the expense of furnishing them.

New York.—The only matter presented by the New York Council (in addition to the recommendations for new Charters), is the request for the amendment of Art. 39, of the Constitution, by striking out the word "affiliated," so that any Master Mason in good standing, whether affiliated or unaffiliated, may be eligible to the degrees.

The diversity of opinion as to the propriety of the proposed change undoubtedly arises from the difference in the *status* of unaffiliated Masons in the different Grand Lodge jurisdictions. In some, they are held to be regular Masons entitled to all the rights of members of lodges, save those of participating in the proceedings of the lodge; in some other jurisdictions, they are held to be *entitled* to no Masonic privileges, though lodges and Masons may accord to them certain favors; the manner of dealing with them and the *status* to be accorded to them are the most perplexing questions with which Grand Lodges have to deal.

New Jersey.—The New Jersey Council of Deliberation recommends to the Supreme Council to grant permission to New Jersey Sovereign Consistory, to meet alternately at Camden and Newark.

It is now located at Newark, in the extreme northerly part of the State; and it is conceded that one Body of that grade is all that can be supported in the State. If allowed to meet also in Camden, in the south part of the State, nearly the full expense of supporting two Bodies would be incurred. My own experience and observation have satisfied me that it is generally injurious to allow Masonic working Bodies to move from place to place, except as an expedient of a temporary character, rendered necessary by extraordinary circumstances. Of course, I am not so well acquainted with the needs of the craft in New Jersey, as the Illustrious Brethren from that State, but it seems to me that the wiser plan is to locate the Consistory in some city, in the central portion of the State. Trenton, the capital of the State, is quite centrally located, is easily accessible by rail from all places at which subordinate Bodies of the Rite exist, and upon every consideration, seems to me to be the most suitable location for the Consistory. It may not be expedient or practicable to establish the Consistory there now; but I believe that that purpose should be kept in view, and that no legislation should take place that will delay or render more burdensome to the craft the final consummation of that purpose.

Illinois.—The Illinois Council of Deliberation recommends that the names of "Waukegan" Consistory, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of

Princes of Jerusalem, and Lodge of Perfection, be changed to "Quincy"; that the names "De Kalb" Consistory and Council of Princes of Jerusalem be changed to "Freeport"; and the names of "Yates City" Consistory, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Council of Princes of Jerusalem, be changed to "Peoria."

In the report of the Proceedings of this Council, the action of the two Bodies of each grade in Chicago, in consolidating, is given. I deem this action worthy of special notice. It is well known that there has been in the past, between these Bodies, an absence to a certain extent of that fraternal feeling, which, it was hoped, would be the universal result of the union of 1867. Great credit is due to the Brethren of Chicago for their action, and I believe I am justified in saying that it buries in the dead past, the last remnant of those bitter dissensions that a few years ago divided the Brethren of this Rite. Blessed are the Peacemakers!

In this connection I am reminded of the calamities which have fallen upon our Brethren of Illinois.

On the twenty-second of February last, the apartments, clothing, furniture, Charters and records of the Bodies of our Rite, at Springfield, Illinois, were destroyed by fire. They have not yet been reorganized. They had under consideration the proposition of consolidating all, or a portion of their Bodies with those at Chicago, when that terrible calamity fell upon that beautiful city. I will not attempt to describe the magnitude of the loss, the terrors of that memorable night, or the want and suffering that exist. I deemed it my duty to call at once for contributions to relieve the necessities of our Brethren, who not only lost their Masonic apartments, clothing, furniture, and records, but their own dwellings, with all the property they contained, and their places of business with their merchandise,—being reduced in many, many instances, from wealth or a competence to absolute want, with winter staring them in the face, without a shelter or a single change of raiment for the loved ones depending upon them. The general public came forward in relief with a promptness and liberality that is creditable to humanity; but I know from a somewhat similar experience how much good can be done, how much suffering that would never be known to profanes, may be relieved by Masonic aid. In my own city, in 1866, applications for Masonic aid were rare, but means placed in my hands by the bounty of the craft, were used in many instances in which the quivering lip, the tearful eye, and the lighting up of the countenance from that indescribable look of anxiety told more eloquently than is in the power of words, how deep was the necessity, and how grateful was the relief. Such calamities give occasion for the exemplification of Masonry; and I know that the Brethren will respond to my appeal in amounts not measured by what they "*can afford*," but which will make them sharers in the burdens of their Brethren of Chicago.

I learn from official sources that 40,000 people must be housed, clothed and fed during the winter at the public charge; that many of these are Masons and members of our Rite, there can be no doubt; such demands upon us come only once in a life time, and we must not content ourselves with giving once, but we must continue our aid till time shall show that it is no longer required.

I am not advised what action is desirable in reference to the re-issue of Charters which have been destroyed; but trust our Ill'. Bro'. HURLBUT, the Deputy for the State, will be able to inform you.

Michigan.—There is nothing in the Proceedings of the Michigan Council of Deliberation requiring your action, so far as they have been submitted to me.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

With the single exception of the Grand Orient of France, our foreign relations continue to be of the most satisfactory character. Ill'. Bro'. GOODALL, returning last year before the Proceedings were published, I directed his report to be published with them; to that I refer you for exceedingly valuable information.

Ireland.—In a communication from the Supreme Council of Ireland, it is stated that the portion of the Report of Bro'. GOODALL, in relation to the organization of a Supreme Council in Portugal, by that august Body, had been read and discussed by it; and the Grand Secretary-General H'. E'. states that "every precaution was taken to ascertain whether any Supreme Council, 33°, existed at the time, and it was only after the positive assurance of Ill'. Bro'. CHIAPPORI, that none such existed, that the warrant establishing the Supreme Council of Portugal was issued by this Supreme Council."

It is further stated in the communication that "no action was taken in the matter, but this Supreme Council is prepared to take any steps which may be deemed advisable."

At a Special Meeting, held April 4. 1871, the Supreme Council withdrew the authority of Bro'. ALBERT CASE, to act as its Representative near this Body, and appointed and commissioned in his stead Ill'. Bro'. BENJAMIN DEAN, of Massachusetts, who has signified to me his acceptance of that position.

England and Wales and the Dependencies of Great Britain.—At a Session held December 24, 1870, the Supreme Council of England suspended Antiquity Chapter of Rose Croix, at Bath, until further order, and published this action to all Bodies of the Rite in its correspondence with the list of the members, the reception of any of whom by its subordinates was forbidden; the official Balustre is herewith submitted. [E].

I also submit a Balustre, bearing date December 24, 1870, giving notice of the expulsion of John Yarkes, 18°, for unmasonic conduct. [F].

I have also received a reply to the joint Balustre of the Supreme Councils for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, which is eminently satisfactory. [G]. It would seem that the Grand Orient of France is not content with interrupting the Masonic peace of this continent, but is ambitious of exercising a disturbing influence throughout the Masonic world. The information contained in the Balustre of the Supreme Council of England herewith submitted demands your serious consideration; and I have no doubt you will co-operate to prevent imposition upon the fraternity by the reception, as visitors, of any members of the suspended, irregular, or clandestine Bodies which have obtained a foothold in Great Britain.

Ill.^r. CHARLES JOHN VIGNE, 33^r, M.^r. P.^r. Sov.^r. Gr.^r. Commander, has transmitted to me the official announcement [H] of the establishment, under the warrant of his Supreme Council, of a Supreme Council in Chili, and he most strongly and fraternally recommends the new Body for our acknowledgement and alliance. Before issuing this warrant, notice was given to all the Supreme Councils of the world of the proposed action and inquiry made if any objections thereto were known to exist. The circular [I] of the Supreme Council of Chili has been received, and I know no reason why we should not recognize it and enter into relations of amity with it.

Ill.^r. Bro.^r. VIGNE also announces, under date of October 19, 1871, the decease of Ill.^r. Bro.^r. Col. H. A. BOWYER, 33^r, the late M.^r. P.^r. Sov.^r. Gr.^r. Commander of the Order in that Jurisdiction. His communication is herewith submitted. [J].

The Supreme Council has elected Ill.^r. Bro.^r. ROBERT MARSHALL, of New Brunswick, Canada, to the thirty-third grade, and forwarded to him his patent, which has been submitted to my inspection. Ill.^r. Bro.^r. T. D. HARINGTON, of Ontario, Canada, in notifying me of this election, requests this Supreme Council to confer the grade upon Bro.^r. Marshall.

Scotland.—No communication from the Supreme Council of Scotland has been received since our last Session, and I have not been able to obtain any evidence of the existence at this time of the Body which was formerly organized in that country.

Belgium.—The Bulletin of the Supreme Council of Belgium is regularly received. Upon the death of Ill.^r. Bro.^r. PEETERS, our Representative, by the recommendation of the Acting Sov.^r. Gr.^r. Commander, I appointed Ill.^r. Bro.^r. LEOPOLD RICHE, 33^r, Gr.^r. Secretary-General in his stead. I submit herewith the letter of the recommendation and the acceptance of Ill.^r. Bro.^r. RICHE. [K], [L].

Grand Orient of France.—The joint Balustre adopted at our last Session, in relation to the Grand Orient, was formally prepared and forwarded to all the regular Supreme Councils in the world. I regret to be still obliged to report that I have received no intelligence of any action by the Grand Orient to remove the cause of complaint. The

war with Prussia, the siege of Paris, and the horrors attendant upon the insurrection of the Commune, may have prevented such action; but I fear that the failure to act must be attributed to other causes.

Portugal.—Relations of amity with the “Grande Oriente Lusitano Unido, Supremo Conselho da Maçonaria Portugueza,” have been consummated by the interchange of representatives. I submit herewith a translation of the reply to our letter of recognition [M], and of the acceptance of Bro.'. DA CUNHA BELLEM. [N].

I herewith submit its response [O] to the Joint Balustre in relation to Grand Orient of France. It admits the law of exclusive jurisdiction, and that the acts of the Grand Orient are in violation of the rights of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. It hopes that that Body will acknowledge its wrong, and repair it by tendering apologies and revoking its recognition of the Spurious Body in Louisiana. It proposes to address a Balustre to all the Supreme Councils of the world, inviting them to interpose their kind offices to restore peace between the Grand Orient of France and the Supreme Council. It announces that it replied to the circular of the Grand Orient “proposing to break the Masonic relations with every Masonic power which does not follow the route which *it* deems the best,” refusing to do so, “our duty being to respect the manner of action of each country, or each Masonic power, without our interfering in any manner.”

The union of the two former governing Bodies has given a new impetus to Masonry in Portugal, and a high degree of activity and prosperity prevails there.

Italy.—After considerable examination and inquiry, I have become satisfied that the Supreme Council, whose Grand East is at Turin, is the legitimate Supreme Masonic authority of our Rite in Italy, and I recommend its immediate recognition. I am hoping that when the affairs of the country become settled, the Grand Orient will be located at Rome, and all the rival Bodies merged in one.

The Supreme Council of Italy has elected Ill.'. Bro.'. DOMINICK MINELLI, temporarily residing in New York, to the thirty-third grade, and has sent to me an official request, under its Grand Seal, to receive with the assistance of not less than two other brethren of the grade, his Oath of Fealty, and give him the necessary instructions. That Body not having been recognized by us, I was forced to decline. If it shall be recognized, it will be practicable to confer the grade upon Bro.'. MINNELLI in open Supreme Council. He is accredited as the representative of his Body near this, as soon as he shall be qualified by the reception of the grade.

The Supreme Council of Italy, Orient at Turin, have replied to the Joint Balustre endorsing the action of the two Supreme Councils in the United States in relation to the Grand Orient of France. I submit a translation of their reply. [P].

Mexico.—I have received various documents from a body claiming to be the Supreme Council of Mexico; but I have not learned that any measures have been taken to regularize it.

To show the exact *status* of this Body, I will state a portion of its history.

In December, 1865, Bro'. CHAS. LAFON DE LADEBAT, by authority of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, established the Supreme Council of Mexico, with its orient at Vera Cruz, but on account of the unsettled condition of the country, not much progress was made in the dissemination of the Rite.

In December, 1865, Bro'. MANUEL B. DA CUNHA REIS, formed a Supreme Council in the City of Mexico. Bro'. REIS claimed to have been made a Sov'. Gr'. Inspector-General in Cuba, by an active member of the Supreme Council there; this action, unless ratified by the Supreme Council, was clearly void; and as Bro'. REIS never received any Patent, it is very certain it was not so ratified. Even if it was ratified, his action in establishing on his sole authority a Supreme Council in a country, where there then was a Supreme Council, or, if not an organized Body, there were several possessors of the thirty-third grade, was void, and the Body formed by him must be held to be irregular.

In April, 1868, at a special session of the latter, an attempt was made for a union of the two Bodies. Of the eight original members of the Vera Cruz Council, five were then living, of whom three were present; according to their statement, three other members had been added, of whom one was present, making but four of the eight who were then members. The officers of both Bodies resigned, and a new election was had, and the Body re-organized.

Upon well established precedents, if this had been a regularly notified meeting of the Vera Cruz Body, the action would have been legal, the four present, though not a majority, being a quorum of the regular Supreme Council. But it does not appear that a session had been called; on the contrary, it pretty clearly appears that it was a meeting of the members, as *individuals*, and not as a Supreme Council, and a majority not having participated, the action was invalid; though if a majority but less than the whole, had participated as *individuals*, it would be a grave question whether their proceedings would be valid. A Supreme Council is usually governed by rules which prescribe in what manner a meeting may be called, and of how many a quorum should consist, and comes within the rule that the action of its members at a meeting not regularly called is not valid, unless all are present and sign the record. But it is probable that if a majority of the old Supreme Council had been present, the action would have accepted as legal, especially if those absent made no objection. And even now, I apprehend, if those not present should formally and solemnly confirm that action, and give in their adhesion to the new Body, the result

would be the same; and if any one of the four not present has done so, it will demand serious consideration, when that fact shall be established, whether recognition should not be accorded.

It is proper to state that according to the Balustre giving an account of this action, the original member not present was elected to an office; but we have received no subsequent proceedings or documents which show whether or not he, or any of the others who were not then present, have since acted as members of the new Body.

It appears from the documents submitted that this Supreme Council of Mexico, at one time entered into relations of friendship with the governing body of the "Rito Nacional Mexicano," but has now sundered those relations and prohibited the bodies and members of its obedience from all Masonic communication with the bodies and members of the Rito Mexicano, upon the ground that the latter is irregular and clandestine.

South American Supreme Councils.—Except a Balustre [Q] from the Supreme Council of Peru, giving a list of its officers, I have received nothing directly from any of the South American Bodies. Ill'. Bro'. ALBERT G. GOODALL, the Representative of many of them, will submit a report giving such information of importance as he has received, as well in regard to these as to other Supreme Councils of our correspondence.

I have received information through a Balustre of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, that a Spurious Body has been formed in New Grenada; and the regular Body has finally recognized it, made a treaty with it, and *ceded to it a portion of its territorial jurisdiction*. I shall refer to this again.

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION.

Our relations with this Body were never more fraternal and intimate. Its able and learned M'. P'. Sov'. Grand Commander has warmly co-operated with me, and has rendered to me most valuable assistance, in administering the affairs of the Rite. It has been our aim to act together, especially in all matters that relate to foreign Supreme Councils.

I have appointed and commissioned Ill'. BEN. PERLEY POORE, 33°, as our Representative near that Body in place of the lamented Brother Benjamin B French; and he has been officially recognized.

I submit herewith a Balustre [R] from Ill'. Bro'. ALBERT PIKE, M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Commander, in relation to the recognition by the Supreme Council of New Grenada, of a Spurious Council in that State, and a division of its territory. I call your special attention to the articles which he proposes for adoption by all the Supreme Councils in the world. The creation of a new Supreme governing Body of the Rite is one of the most important acts that Masons are called upon to perform. The body created is the peer of its creator, and of all other

Supreme Bodies; and Masonic amity would seem to require in such cases that one Supreme Council should not proceed in a matter so seriously affecting the others, without their acquiescence. The Supreme Council of England recognized this in its proceedings in establishing the Supreme Council of Chili.

But the most serious question presented is whether a Supreme Council can divide its territory and create, or allow the creation of another Supreme Council within its original jurisdiction. The Constitutions of 1786, do not allow such action, and while I concede that every Supreme Council may modify such provisions of that instrument as affect itself alone in *its internal polity*, I hold that its provisions in relation to the jurisdiction and number of Supreme Councils are among those general provisions affecting the whole Rite, and the relations of Supreme Councils to each other, which *cannot be changed*, at any rate, without the consent of every Supreme Council in existence.

I also submit certain propositions of the Southern Supreme Council in relation to the ritual.

DECISIONS.

- I. Returns must be made according to the prescribed form, though there has been no work or change in membership or officers.
- II. By the amendment to Article 43 of the Constitutions, adopted last year (Proc. 1870, p. 109), the distinction between *active* and *passive* members of Subordinate Bodies was abolished, and all members thereof of every character (save those elected as Honorary Members in compliment) became *ipso facto* active members, and entitled to all the privileges of membership; but unaffiliated brethren did not thereby become members of the Bodies in which they received their degrees before the adoption of the amendment.
- III. (a). A Lodge of Perfection cannot adjourn its annual election when partially completed without the consent of the Thrice Potent.
(b). But the Thrice Potent, at the request of the Lodge, may call off the annual meeting to a future day, or he may do it without such consent, being responsible to the Supreme Council for any abuse of his power.
- IV. When a member of a Subordinate Body is elevated to the grade of Ill'. Inspector-General, 33°, while he does not thereby become an active member of the Supreme Council, he loses no rights of membership in the Subordinate Bodies.
- V. Notices of every meeting must be issued by the Secretary of the Body; and notice published in the public press, with a table of the stated meetings for the year published in a Directory, is not a compliance with the provision of the Constitution.

VI. In some jurisdictions, members of Blue Lodges are suspended from all Masonic rights for non-payment of dues, and in some they may be expelled for the same cause. This fact, and some disturbance that arose in consequence of the decision of 1868 upon this subject, led me to revise that decision, and I have decided :

(a). A mere suspension from membership in the Lodge does not affect one's standing in any of the Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

(b). An expulsion or suspension from all Masonic rights, *for any cause whatever*, by the Lodge, in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, deprives the one expelled or suspended of all rights in all Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, until he shall be legally restored.

(c). In those jurisdictions in which a sentence operates as a suspension pending an appeal, or until confirmed by the Grand Lodge, it also suspends in Bodies of our Rite.

(d). In order that the records of our Bodies may be consistent, I recommend that, in all such cases, the presiding officer cause to be entered on the record, "that the Body having received Masonic information; that — —, a member of this Body has been expelled (or suspended) from all Masonic rights by his Lodge, he therefore stands expelled (or suspended) from all rights in this Body."

(e). Masonic information in such cases may be a certificate under the seal of the Lodge, or an avouchment by some member of the Body who has actual Masonic knowledge of the fact.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES, ETC.

It would greatly facilitate the dispatch of business in the Supreme Council if the reports of Deputies should be made to the Grand Commander at such time before the Session as would enable him to present an abstract of such matters in them as require the action of the Supreme Council.

I have now submitted to you, at somewhat wearisome length, a statement of such matters as seem to me to require your consideration; and, without detaining you further, I invite you to proceed with your deliberations.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER.

[A.]

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF
BRO.: PEETERS, 33°.

[TRANSLATION.]

SUPREME COUNCIL OF BELGIUM, GRAND EAST,
the 1st day of the 3d m., 1871.

To the Sov'. Gr'. Ins'. Gen', to the Representatives of the Supreme Council near the Masonic Authorities of the Correspondence, and to the Masonic Bodies of the Jurisdiction:

DEAR AND ILL'. BRETHREN :

Death has removed from our affections and our labors one of our oldest and most esteemed collaborators, Ill'. Bro'. Henry Joseph Peeters, Sov'. Gr'. Ins'. Gen', Grand Master of Ceremonies of this Supreme Council, who died on the 20th of April current, after a long and painful illness.

The Supreme Council, desirous of honoring the memory of this worthy and zealous Mason, has decided :

1. That the notice of his death should be sent to all the Representatives of this Supreme Council, that they may communicate it to the Powers near which they are accredited.

2. That a like notice should be sent to the various bodies of the jurisdiction, to enable them at their first meeting thereafter to render funeral honors to this high dignitary of the Order.

Receive, dear Brethren, the assurance of our fraternal esteem.

E. FISCHER, 33°,
Regent Acting Gr'. Commander.

By order of the Supreme Council,

L. RICHE, 33°,
Gr'. Secretary Gen'.

[B.]

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF
BRO.: FRENCH, 33°.

OR'. OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,
15th day of **טנ** A.'. M'. 5630.

IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Sovereign Grand Commander

*To all Freemasons of said Rite, of any Degree, within the
said Jurisdiction.*

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BELoved AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN :

We shall not again see our Brother and late Lieutenant Grand Commander, the Illustrious Brother BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH, until w

also shall have obeyed death's fatal summons, and have left behind us forever all the interests and concerns of this world, and all that made life distasteful or desirable.

The breath of life, breathed into him by Elohim, was recalled at one of the clock of the morning of this day, the immediate cause being a malady of the heart, with which he had been confined to his bed or room during two weeks.

He had almost attained the age of three score and ten, having been born at Chester, in the State of New Hampshire, on the fourth day of September, in the year 1800, and having, during almost forty years before his death, resided in the City of Washington.

We need not recount the long list of his Civic and Masonic honors. He was bred a lawyer, and had been a Legislator in his native State, and held many places of responsibility and trust, national and municipal, in Washington. He had held all the high places of Masonic honor in the District of Columbia, and been Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States. He became a member of the Supreme Council in 1859, was elected its Grand Chancellor in 1866, and Lieutenant Grand Commander in May, 1870.

Thus crowned with the highest honors, he deserved them all. Few of us who survive him accept the title "illustrious" without some sense of unworthiness; but he had a right to wear it, with a consciousness that he had merited it by a long life of fidelity and labor.

Faithful at all times to his own convictions, he permitted no convulsions of the State to sever the bonds of ancient brotherhood; and those whom he cordially welcomed after a long separation, and whom he generally labored to assist when calamity had overtaken them, will always hold his memory in loving remembrance.

He was, indeed, worthy to be called illustrious, for he was a man of many and rare excellencies—one of fine intellect and varied reading, of sound judgment and abundant imagination; a man trustworthy and uncorrupt, equitable and loyal, of stainless purity of morals, ingenuous and conscientious, without malice, or craft, or guile; generous, temperate, singularly modest and unpresuming, with little to repent of or regret in all the doings of his life—in very truth,

Optimam sui memoriam in operibus relinquit.

Perhaps nothing so much distinguished him as integrity and fidelity. His constant endeavor was to do right, and be faithful to every trust and every duty. He neglected nothing, even in his daily clerical toil. He was, in the highest sense, a man of honor and a gentleman; and if he ever erred, it was when his kindness of heart and reluctance to condemn made his judgment less clear and keen than usual. It is rare, if there be any one, of whom it could be more truly said,

Recti, facti non ex populi sermone mercedem sed ex facto petit.

When there were but three more suns to rise for him he had the interests of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at heart, and with great effort wrote to us in regard to the matter that should have appeared upon the records of the Supreme Council; and announced his resolution, if he should ever get out again, to take early measures for the advancement of the Rite in the District of Columbia. He was faithful to his duty, and true and zealous to the last.

And he left no enmities unreconciled, nor was any man poorer by means of his prosperity.

It grieves and saddens us that our familiar intercourse and conversation with him is ended; but for him we need not lament. A life like his sequesters all the terrors of death. To one who has lived well

and honestly for almost three score and ten years it matters little how soon the curtain falls between him and the pageantry of this worldly life. We are permitted to grow old, only upon the inexorable condition that we shall outlive those who are dear to us, and be mourners at the funerals of our children.

Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et Lux perpetua luceat ei.

AMEN! AND AMEN!

You will, upon the receipt of this letter, wear the violet badge of mourning for the death of your Lieutenant Grand Commander during the space of sixty days, and the implements of our sanctuaries will be draped in the same mourning for the same time.

Given this 15th day of **בָּשַׁרְתָּא** A.M. 5630—August 12, 1870, V.E.

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,

ALBERT G. MACKEY,

Sov'. Gr'. Com'.

Sec'. Gen'. H'. E'.

[C].

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF ILL'. GILES M. HILLYER, 33°.

OR'. OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

21° Day of **בָּשַׁרְתָּא** A.M. 5631.

IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Sovereign Grand Commander

*To all Freemasons of the said Rite, of any Degree,
within the said Jurisdiction.*

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BELOVED AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN :

When we closed the Supreme Council, a little more than one year ago, these words of the Ritual were solemnly pronounced: "It may be that we shall not all again assemble together in Council." Among those who then prayed the God of Infinite Beneficence and Love to have us in His holy keeping, and permit us again to meet each other, there were two illustrious and most dearly beloved Brethren, who will meet us no more in this world. We have mourned for our Lieutenant Grand Commander, the illustrious Brother FRENCH, and hoped that further lamentation would be spared us; but another great sorrow has come upon us, and another Chief, who served God faithfully, the Order effectually, and the country nobly, has died. To him, also, we then bade a last farewell.

Woe unto us! for our Grand Minister of State, the illustrious Brother GILES MUMFORD HILLYER, no longer lives in this world. On the evening of the first day of this Hebrew month, the twenty-second day of April last, after an illness of many months, and long after all hope of his recovery had been abandoned, God recalled his spirit to Himself, and his poor, wasted body has been tenderly and lovingly buried by his Brethren in the bosom of his adopted State, Mississippi.

What words are adequate to express our love for him, our appreciation of his excellencies, or admiration of his genius? What eulogy can we pronounce that would equal his deserts? We are stunned by the heavy blow of this great calamity, and find it hard to realize that we shall see and hear him no more; and while we vainly endeavor to repress our tears, it seems but a cold formality to attempt to express our sorrow in words. A cry of anguish, such as a mortal wound compels, is all that we can utter. Dear friend! dear, loving, generous, noble-hearted Brother! how can we be reconciled to this cruel deprivation?

To the Supreme Council his death is an irreparable loss. We have no one who can fill his place. Who is there so wise and yet so modest and unaffected? Who so eloquent, so full of kindly sympathy, so dearly loved, of so true nobility of soul, conjoined with so keen and vigorous an intellect? There is not one.

Who can speak of him as eloquently as he spoke of more than one of his Brethren who went away before him? We must use his own words, written but a few months ago: "His precepts, his influence, and his life have left, for the attention of those who survive him, gleamings of the light that, created by the Deity, are indestructible until they return to their source; and, while the life of men or Masons lasts, will shine brighter and brighter, even unto the perfect day."

He was born in the City of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the 7th day of May, 1818, and educated at Columbia College, in New York. He studied law with Daniel Lord, in the City of New York, and entered upon the practice there, but soon after removed to Alabama, and thence to Mississippi, where he soon became a man of mark, and exchanged the profession of the law for that of journalist, to which he continued to devote himself until two or three years before his death. He resided in Mississippi for nearly twenty years, most of that time in the City of Natchez, and was eminently distinguished, both as orator and writer. With an intellect acute and logical, great power of language, and a vivid and brilliant imagination, he wrote and spoke with singular grace and power, equally skilled in the use of all the means by which the judgment is convinced, enthusiasm aroused, or the imagination delighted.

He received the Blue Degrees in the year 1851, at Natchez, was Master of his Lodge in 1852, and Grand Master of the State in 1855, which office he held for two years. In 1860 he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and in 1859, Grand Commander of Templars of the State. In 1868 he was Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. In 1859 he received the 33d degree and became an active member of the Supreme Council, and afterwards its first Grand Minister of State, which office he held at his death.

For a time he edited the *Acacia*, a monthly Magazine, devoted to the purpose of Freemasonry. In that, and in his addresses and orations, he made valuable additions to the literature of Masonry, to which, above all else, he was devoted.

Brilliant as a writer, as an orator standing near to Prentiss and other distinguished men of his State, he proved himself, also, a brave soldier, devoted to the cause to whose service he gave four years of his life. Duty and honor were always the stars by which his course over the seas of life was guided. Affectionate to all, he was the kindest of husbands and fathers. Faithful and loyal, he struggled manfully against adversity when its hand was laid heavily upon him—and even when, endeavoring to recover from the disastrous consequences of war, he saw his all swept away by fire. And during his long illness, when he was hardly able to sit, and should not have left his bed, he toiled daily and nightly

as a copyist, to earn his family a support; but for which labor and constant fatigue he might, perhaps, have recovered.

Thus, dear Brethren, we one by one pass away, and the places that knew us, know us no more. We live only to lose those that we love, and our lives are lengthened only upon that condition. The memories of our dead are very dear to us, and they are already many; but no one among them all was more loved and is more regretted than he whose death we now lament. True friend, dear Brother, genial companion, brave soldier and patient sufferer, farewell! You sleep, and are in peace. For us the duties of life are still to be done, and its sorrows to be endured.

Requiem eternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei!

AMEN AND AMEN!

You will, upon receipt of this letter, wear the violet badge of mourning for the death of your Grand Minister of State during the space of sixty days, and the jewels and furniture of our sanctuaries will be draped in mourning for the same time.

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,
Sov'. Gr'. Commander.

[D.]

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF ILL'. JOHN J. WORSHAM, 33°.

OR'. OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,
16th Day of **DN** A'. M'. 5681.

IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, FOR THE
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Sovereign Grand Commander,
To all Freemasons of the said Rite, of any Degree, within the
said Jurisdiction.

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BELOVED AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN:

Once more the solemn rites of Masonic burial and the Offices for the Dead have been performed at the grave of an Officer of the Supreme Council, who has deserved well of the Order; and his body has been tenderly and reverently laid in its last resting place by the hands of those by whom he was well beloved.

Once more!—The third of the seven Dignitaries of the Supreme Council, who parted in May, not fifteen months ago, at Baltimore, has been claimed by the remorseless creditor, Death, and has passed behind the veil that hides from our sight Eternity and the better life.

JOHN JENNINGS WORSHAM, Treasurer-General of the Holy Empire, died at his residence near White River in the State of Arkansas, on the thirty-first day of July last, and was buried yesterday by his brethren, at Memphis, in the State of Tennessee. He has passed away out of the life and sunshine of the world; and that portion of him which was material and human rests under the dust, beneath the grass, with the

evergreens and flowers, symbols of Immortality, strewn upon his bosom, where now no thought stings, no cares harass, no fears alarm, and no hopes encourage.

The open hand and kindly heart are alike cold and still in that silent grave. There is no memory of love or hate, no sorrow or disappointment—nothing that aspires, or wishes, or complains. There no labor wearies, and no outward circumstances thwart exertion; nor losses, disappointments or betrayals sadden and dishearten. He is at rest.

In vain we endeavor to put away out of our sight the ghastly image of death, while every day and minute bring it nearer to us, as they brought it nearer to him, until unexpectedly the blow falls, and the news flashes over the land that we are dead. The years glide with swifter feet away from us as we grow older—like, the Scriptures say, unto the waters which run into the sea, and never turn backward to their spring—and momentarily we draw nearer to the great abyss of Eternity, soon to plunge into that ocean which casts back none of its dead upon its shores, and across whose illimitable expanse no voices of the lost ones come back to us to whisper consolation.

Et quasi aquæ dilabuntur in terran, quæ non revertuntur.

Illustrious Brother WORSHAM was a native of the State of Virginia—born at Broad Rock, Chesterfield county, Virginia, on the 7th of March, 1812. The larger portion of his life was spent in Tennessee, from which he was created a member of the Supreme Council in the year 1866. He removed from Tennessee to Arkansas not many months before his death.

No report of his sickness had reached us, and it is only known to us that he died of malarial fever. He had been in ill health—afflicted with rheumatism; he had recovered, and was supposed by us to be in good health, until we were startled and shocked with the information that he had died.

Illustrious Brother WORSHAM was elected Treasurer-General in May, 1870, having always been a zealous and devoted Mason. Not a scholar, or of a learned profession, nor ever holding public office, he had led an active life of business and labor, in which his integrity, and generosity, and fidelity to all trusts and confidences had gained him the esteem of all who knew him. But though not learned, he had read, and he well understood and fully appreciated and valued the varied instruction, the pure morals and profound philosophy and religious truths of the degrees of our Rite, and had its interests and advancement greatly at heart. Everywhere in Masonry he was a zealous and untiring worker.

A perfectly honest man, he was firm, stable and loyal in his friendships—true, honest and sincere. Tenaciously adhering to his conscientious convictions—sometimes, perhaps, with over-tenacity—he never hesitated, through pride of opinion, to admit an error when convinced of it. Quick and impulsive, he was kind and genial also, and his angers were never long-lived. Of pure and blameless morals, he was not in the least a Pharisee, and Truth and Charity were his distinguishing characteristics.

He deserved the rank and place he had attained, and the love and confidence of his Brethren of the Supreme Council, which he had in overflowing measure. As all our intercourse with him was pleasant, he leaves us no other than pleasant memories, and we shall sadly miss him when we meet again. Alas! there are others who will miss him more—the wife of his bosom, whom he idolized, and the children to whom he was exceedingly endeared. May He, who is the Father of the widow and the orphan, have them in His holy keeping.

Very dear Brethren, those of us who yet survive, and may soon follow him, need your sympathy, for we are sad and lonely. We seem, in the still watches of the night, to hear the voices and see the faces of our dead, whose bodies lie buried far apart, unconscious and unregardful of the sunshine and the rains alike. We are left to bear the burden alone, and we faint and are weary under its weight. One by one our helpers in the great task that we undertook fifteen years ago are passing away, and each blow recoils upon the survivors and disheartens them. So, when a great wind passes through the woods and overthrows part of the trees, those that remain standing are shaken and scarred, stripped of their leaves and maimed, with many branches torn away.

We live our little life, plant trees, that our thankful children or the unthankful stranger, may recline under their shade; and build houses for others to inhabit, after we shall be forgotten. :

*Mors sola fatetur
Quantula sint hominum corporacula.*

But it is better so to live and toil than that we alone should reap the fruits of our labors. We shall see our Brother no more, nor clasp his hand, nor hear his kind words any more; but he still lives, as we shall live when we lay down our garments of mortality, and leave behind us the fretting cares and biting sorrows of this unsatisfactory life.

Mortalitate reicta, vivit immortalitate indutus.

In manifestation of our sorrow for his death, and in honor of his memory, the furniture, jewels and implements of all bodies of our obedience will be draped in violet, and each Brother will wear the violet badge of mourning for the space of sixty days (from the reading of this letter). May our Father, who is in Heaven, give the soul of our Brother rest and Peace. AMEN.

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,
Sov'. Gr'. Commander.

[E.]

SUSPENSION OF ANTIQUITY CHAPTER.

33 GOLDEN SQUARE, LONDON, W.,
15th December, 1870.

DEAR SIR AND M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'::

I am desired to forward, for the information of your Supreme Council, the following extract of minutes of a resolution passed at a Special Meeting of Emergency of the Supreme Council, held at Bath, on the 24th November, 1870:

"Resolved to suspend the Antiquity Chapter, Bath, until further orders, and the Ill'. Gr'. Sec'. Gen'. H'. E'. is hereby directed to give notice of the same to the M'. W'. Sov'. and members thereof, and to send further notice of this act of the Supreme Council, with list of all the Brethren belonging to the Suspended Chapter, to all Chapters under its control, forbidding the reception of any of the members therein described until such suspension is removed, collectively or individually, by order of the Supreme Council. And further, that the Antiquity Chapter is informed that the various other governing Bodies in Masonry will receive notice of their conduct.

LIST OF NAMES.

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| Bro.'. Thomas Wilson, | Bro.'. James Horton, |
| " Thomas Payne Ashley, | " Richard B. Carter, |
| " George Chambury Mann. | " Robert Carey. |
| " Charles Becket, | " Richard Packer, |
| " Samuel George Mitchell, | " James W. Parfitt, |
| " Thomas Ed. Smith Jelley, | " Henry Morrish, |
| " George Parfitt, | " William A. Humphries, |
| " Thomas Shermer Keene, | " William Thompson, |
| " Samuel R. Hellier, | " F. H. Goldney, |
| " Thomas B. Moutrie, | " William S. Gillard. |
| " Edm. White, | |

I remain, dear sir, and

M.'. P.'. S.'. Gr.'. Com.'. ,

Fraternally yours,

A. W. ADAIR, [SEAL.]

Grand Secretary-General H.'. E.'

To the M.'. Ill.'. Brother,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

M.'. P.'. S.'. Gr.'. Commander.

Sup.'. C'. N.'. J'. U. S. America.

[F.]

EXPULSION OF JOHN YARKER.

33 GOLDEN SQUARE, LONDON, W.,

December 15, 1870.

DEAR SIR AND M.'. ILL'. BRO': :

In conformity with the request of the Supreme Council. I beg to send you a copy of an extract of a minute passed at a Special Meeting, held at their Grand East on the 30th of November, 1870:

"The report of a Sovereign Tribunal, 31st degree, held at Manchester on the 19th of November, 1870, was received."

"Having duly considered the whole of the proceedings of the Sovereign Tribunal, and its finding and recommendation, it was resolved that *John Yarker be expelled* the Order, and that the usual formalities with regard to *an expulsion* be complied with, and that notice thereof be sent to the other governing Bodies."

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and M.'. Ill.'. Bro':

Yours fraternally, etc.

A. W. ADAIR, 33°, [SEAL.]

Grand Secretary-General H.'. E.'

To the M.'. Ill.'. Brother,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

M.'. P.'. S.'. Gr.'. Com.'. , North Ju': ,

U. S. America.

[G.]

BALUSTRE OF SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, ETC., IN
RELATION TO CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND
ORIENT OF FRANCE, ETC.

To the Supreme Council 33°, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

DEAR AND MOST ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN :

I am requested by the Supreme Council 33°, of the A. & A. Rite, for England, Wales, and the dependencies of the British Crown, to thank you for the Balustre, and volume of the Proceedings of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of America.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

For the better information of your Supreme Council, I transcribe the Minutes, made at our last meeting, in reference to the Grand Orient of France.

Resolved, "That the Grand Orient of France be remonstrated with in a friendly way, with the view of persuading it to withdraw at once its sanction from the Spurious Supreme Council established in Louisiana, and that failing to do so, all connection with this Supreme Council and the Grand Orient of France shall cease, and that an answer be sent to the N. & S. Jurisdictions to that effect. And that further, the Grand Orient be persuaded to make the declaration concerning the Negro Race to be only declaratory and solely binding upon itself, so that with regard to these questions of Race, the admission or non-admission of certain race or races be left entirely to each Jurisdiction; that abstractedly we entirely agree with the views held by the Grand Orient of France with regard to all who recognize a Supreme Being, being eligible for Initiation into our Rites and Ceremonies, and that this also be mentioned in the answer to the N. & S. Jurisdictions of America, together with the fact of our having Negro Lodges in Jamaica, both under our Jurisdiction, and under that of Scotland."

Though the members of this Supreme Council are prepared to offer their fraternal advice, they have very little hope of its being acted upon, as they have a grave cause of complaint, somewhat similar to that mentioned in your proceedings, for Bro'. Cremieux, a member of the 33d degree of the Grand Orient of France, has assisted an erring Bro'. Wentworth Little, of the 18°, Rose Croix of the A. & A. Rite, in establishing in this Country the Spurious Rite of Misraim, which was organized with so much secrecy, cunning and rapidity, that we had not time to take the necessary precautions, nor have we yet been able to stamp it out, owing to the falsehoods that have been told about it.

I am sorry to report for the information of your Supreme Council, that an illegal Body at Rochdale in Lancashire, is giving all the degrees of the A. & A. Rite at about one shilling and sixpence each; though every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of this pernicious body, still it is thought but right, our American Brethren should be put on their guard.

We feel certain that should any of these men in common with those of the Antiquity Chapter at Bath, and the Baldwyn at Bristol visit the United States, every precaution will be taken to prevent them being received in any higher degree than those of Craft Masonry.

I have the pleasure to inform you that in consequence of some resignations through ill-health, certain changes and promotions have been

made in our Supreme Council, which now consists of the following Brethren :

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| Ill'. Bro'. Charles John Vigne, | M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'. |
| Ill'. Bro'. Capt. Nath'l Geo. Philips, | M'. Ill'. Lt'. Gr'. Com'. |
| Ill'. Bro'. Col. Alexander Wm. Adair, | Grand Treasurer Gen'. |
| Ill'. Bro'. J. Montagu Pulteney Montagu, | Grand Sec'. Gen'. |
| Ill'. Bro'. Col. Henry Clerk, | Grand Chancellor. |
| Ill'. Bro'. Rev. W. H. W. A. Bowyer, | Grand Chaplain. |
| Ill'. Bro'. Sir Michael Costa, | Sov'. Gr'. L'. Gen'. |
| Ill'. Bro'. The Earl of Carnarvon, | Sov'. Gr'. L'. Gen'. |
| Ill'. Bro'. Dr. Robert Hamilton, | Sov'. Gr'. L'. Gen'. |

I have the honor to remain,

Dear and Most Illustrious Brethren,

Faithfully and Fraternally Yours, etc.,

J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°,

Grand Secretary General, H'. E'.

February 25th, 1871,

33 Golden Square, London, W.

[SEAL.]

[H.]

BALUSTRE OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, ETC.,
ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHING OF A SUPREME COUN-
CIL IN CHILI.

FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND
INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND
ACCEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND
THE DEPENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN UNDER THE C. C. OF THE
ZENITH NEAR THE B. B. ANSWERING TO 51° 30' N. LAT., AND 6' W.
MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH.

To the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America:

M'. P'. S'. Gr'. Com'.

DEAR SIR AND M'. ILL'. BRO':

I have the honor to forward you a circular letter from the Supreme Council of the 33° of Chili, which I request you will lay before your Supreme Council at its next meeting.

The Supreme Council of Chili has been established under warrant from this Supreme Council, bearing date the 11th of May, 1870, and in accordance with the extract from our minutes forwarded you on the 11th of February, 1870

This Supreme Council most strongly and fraternally recommends the Supreme Council of Chili for your acknowledgment and alliance.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and M'. Ill'. Bro'.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHAS. JOHN VIGNE, 33°, [SEAL.]

Sov'. Gr'. Commander.

33 Golden Square, London,
October 19th, 1871.

To Ill'. Bro'. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
M'. P'. S'. Gr'. Com'.

[I.]

CIRCULAR FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF CHILI, ACCOMPANYING THE FOREGOING BALUSTRE.

Bajo el C. C. del Zenit, que corresponde a los 33° 1' 55" Lat. Sur i 77° 41' 45" Long. Oeste del Meridiano de Greenwich.

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MOST ILL. BRETH.:

Masonry in Chili, where Symb. Lodges working under foreign jurisdiction in different rites have been long established, has at length made its first step towards unity.

The Most Ill. Bro. Juan de Dios Merino Bonavente, Hon. Member of the Supreme Council of Sov. G. I. Gen. of the 33 and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the dependencies of the British Crown, East of London, has, in virtue of full powers, delegated to him by that Supreme Body, organized and constituted in this Republic, on the 8th of the present month, a Supreme Council of Sov. G. I. Gen. of the same degree for Chili and its dependencies, under the distinctive title of

"SUPREME COUNCIL OF CHILI."

Having adopted as a base of its foundation the sublime principles of our Ill. Order, and for its government the G. Constitutions of A. D. 1762 and 1786, the Supreme Council of Chili hopes to effect in due time the formation of a Masonic Power which will unite under its authority all the Sym. Lodges above referred to, and to obtain for itself the same rights and prerogatives as the governing body of Mas. in this Republic, which Chili, as a nation, possesses in the world as an independent State.

In announcing to you, Most Ill. Bro., this step, in which culminate the wishes of all the frat. in this Republic, and which will tend to promote that frat. union, we hope not only to obtain your recognition as a Mas. Power, but also to be favored with frequent interchange of correspondence.

Trusting shortly to be favored with your reply to this com., we beg you, M. Ill. Breth., to accept the sincere expression of our wishes for the prosperity of your Supreme Council, and to consider us united to you at all times and circumstances by the indissoluble ties of the frat.

J. DE D. MERINO BONAVENTE,

Sov. Grand Commander, 33°.

H. PLUNKET BAUREHEIN,

Grand Secretary General, 33°.

The Supreme Council 33° for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Orient of Boston.

33 GOLDEN SQUARE, W.,
LONDON, Oct. 14th, 1871.

Seen, approved, and fraternally recommended,

NATH'L GEO. PHILIPS, 33°, [SEAL.]

*Lt. Grand Commander S. C. England and Wales and
the Dependencies of the British Crown.*

J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°, [SEAL.]

Gr. Sec. Gen. H. E.

[J.]

BALUSTRE ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF ILL'.
COL. H. A. BOWYER, 33°.

FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND
INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE OF THE
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND
AND WALES AND THE DEPENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNDER
THE C. C. OF THE ZENITH NEAR THE B. B. ANSWERING TO 51° 30' N.
LAT., AND 6° W. MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH.

To the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America :

M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'.

DEAR AND M'. ILL'. BRO'.

It is with extreme regret that I have to announce to you and the Supreme Council over which you preside, the decease of the Ill'. Bro'. Col. H. A. Bowyer, the late M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com' of this Order.

Although during the last two or three years, my lamented Bro'. was obliged through ill-health to transfer to others the care of his Masonic duties, he continued to the last an ardent and zealous supporter of Masonry. He was a man of such tact, urbanity and sound judgment, that his loss is severely felt not only by this Supreme Council; but in the Province he governed, and by all who knew him.

The members of the A'. and A'. Rite, under this jurisdiction, will mourn during sixty days for this great loss, in which equally with ourselves, we feel you will sympathize.

I remain,

Dear and M'. Ill'. Bro'.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES JOHN VIGNE, 33°,

Sov'. Grand Commander.

38 Golden Square, London,

October 19th, 1871.

[SEAL.]

To Ill'. BRO JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

M'. P'. S'. Gr'. Com'.

[K.]

[TRANSLATION.]

SUPREME COUNCIL OF BELGIUM,

Grand East, 14th day, 4th m'. 1871.

To the Supreme Council of Northern Jurisdiction at Boston:

DEAR AND ILL'. BRETHREN :

The circular accompanying this letter will inform you of our recent loss. During his long Masonic career, Bro'. Peeters has always proved himself a zealous defender of our principles. Among us he exercised an unquestioned influence, due alike to his knowledge and his character. This lamented Brother was accredited near us as your representative,

and as it is in the interest of all that your Supreme Council should not be without a representative in Belgium, the Regent of the Order acting as Grand Commander, by virtue of our regulations has the honor to propose in place of Bro. Peeters, deceased, Bro. Leopold Riche, our Grand Secretary General.

The Supreme Council trusts that you will be pleased to ratify this nomination and forward to the appointee the necessary powers.

Be pleased to accept the renewed assurance of our most fraternal sentiments.

E. FISCHER, 33°,

Regent and Acting Gr. Com.

L. RICHE, 33°,
Gr. Sec. General.

[L.]

(TRANSLATION.)

SUPREME COUNCIL OF BELGIUM,
Grand East, the 15th day, 8 m. 1871.

THRICE ILL. BROTHER :

The Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States has been pleased to name me its representative near this Supreme Council.

I thoroughly appreciate the honor that has been conferred on me, and will use every effort to suitably discharge the duties thus imposed on me to justify your confidence.

By my endeavors to extend the interchange of communication between us, I hope to draw closer the bonds that have always united us.

Finally Ill. Gr. Com. be pleased to convey to the Sov. Gr. I. Gen. my sentiments of gratitude and accept the assurance of my high and fraternal esteem.

L. RICHE, 33°,
Sec. Gen., Sup. Coun., Belgium.

[M.]

TRANSLATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LETTER OF RECOGNITION BY SUPREME COUNCIL OF PORTUGAL.

LISBON, 30th June, 1871.

To the Most Puissant, Most Wise, Most Worshipful and Very Dear Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, 33°, S. G. Com., etc.:

VERY DEAR BRO.:

We received with sentiments of liveliest pleasure your favor of the 27th of October last, bearing to us the joyful news that the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., that high and distinguished power, over which you so worthily preside, had deigned to exchange with the Lusitano Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Portuguese Masonry relations of amity and guarantees of friendship. In the name of the Masonic power, over which we have the honor to preside, we thank you most sincerely and we pray you dear and Puissant Bro. to convey our fraternal salutations to all the Ill. Brethren composing the Northern Supreme Council.

It has afforded us extreme pleasure to accede to your desire that we should name our representative near your Supreme Council, our dear Brother Albert G. Goodall, it having been our constant wish to name

that Ill'. Bro'. to whom Portuguese Masonry is indebted for the favor it has obtained.

We have just received Bro'. A. M. da Cunha Bellem as your representative near us, at our sitting on the 10th June, and he will also be received by the Grand Lodge with the honors due the exalted position you have conferred upon him.

Be persuaded, Dear Bro'. , that we shall endeavor to follow the paths of truth and virtue, and conduct our labors with the greatest regularity.

May the G'. A'. deign to guide and bless you.

CONDE DE PARATY, 33°,

G'. M'. Sov'. G'. Commander.

[N.]

**TRANSLATION OF ILL'. BRO'. DA CUNHA BELLEM'S
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.**

To the M'. P'. Josiah H. Drummond, S'. G'. C'. Supreme Council N'. J'., U. S. of America:

LISBON, June 30, 1871.

DEAR AND M'. P'. BRO':

The honor of having been named representative and guaranteee of friendship of the Northern Supreme Council near that of Portugal, imposes on me the duty of most sincere gratitude towards yourself. I shall therefore seek to do my best in discharge of the honorable functions confided to me, and give earnest devotion to the interests of the superior body which I have the honor to represent. May I venture, dear brother, to ask that you will present my salutations to the Illustrious Brethren composing that body.

Be pleased to accept most wise, the assurance of my distinguished consideration and my fraternal salutations.

May the G'. A'. O'. T'. U'. who is in Heaven, deign to bless and guide you in answer to our fraternal prayers.

DA CUNHA BELLEM, 33°.

Rep'. S'. C'. N'. J'. U. S. A.

[O.]

**TRANSLATION OF REPLY OF SUPREME COUNCIL OF
PORTUGAL.**

UNITED GRAND ORIENT, SUPREME COUNCIL OF PORTUGAL,

LISBON, March 30, 1871.

VERY DEAR BROTHER :

Your circular addressed to all the regular Supreme Councils of the world was received by us with the liveliest interest, and we hasten to reply.

We fully recognize your right to act according to the laws you have adopted in your own jurisdiction, without any other Masonic power having any right whatever to interfere. We in like manner recognize the legitimacy of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction at Charleston, and it was therefore with sentiments of pain that we received information of the blamable conduct of the Grand Orient of France toward you.

Nevertheless, we take pleasure in the thought that we need not despair of that exalted body's recognizing its error and recalling its recognition of the illegal body in Louisiana.

The Supreme Council has decided to send an address to all the Supreme Councils of the world, inviting them to interpose their influence to the end, that the bonds of friendship between the bodies in North America and France may not again be broken, and that the fraternal salute may again be given by the brethren of these two countries, as is required by the interests of the order.

We have received the invitation from the Grand Orient of France, proposing to cease relations with all Masonic powers not willing to follow the path it has marked out. We have replied (see our printed Bulletin) that we should continue all our Masonic relations, because we seek to draw closer the bonds of universal fraternity, our duty being to respect the method of action adopted in each country or by each Masonic power without interference.

We sincerely pray that this unfortunate difference may be terminated in accordance with the needs and dignity of the Order.

May the Supreme Architect have you in his Holy Keeping.

CONDE DE PARATY, 33°,

Grand Commander.

Dr. DA CUNHA BELLEM, 33°,

G.'. Sec.'. Gen.'. H.'. E.'.

[P.]

**TRANSLATION OF THE REPLY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL
AT ITALY (TURIN), TO THE JOINT BALUSTRE OF THE
NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SUPREME COUNCILS.**

FROM THE GRAND ORIENT OF TURIN, ETC.

To the M.'. P.'. Sov.'. Gr.'. Com.'. Officers and Brethren of the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.:

III.'. AND DEAR BRETHREN :

We have received your letter of *Denunciation and Appeal*, in which is contested the legitimacy of an Act of the Grand Orient of France. We deplore the event and understand the noble sentiments which have inspired you to take so firm a resolution after exhausting every possible means of conciliation. Its language demonstrates your fraternal feeling.

When our Supreme Council had carefully examined your just demands and all the documents issuing from your Supreme Council, and that of the Southern Jurisdiction, and animated by the same spirit of equitable justice, the true basis of the Masonic Order, and by the solidarity, friendship and indissoluble allegiance due to you, dear brethren, it was determined and decreed in our said Supreme Council, on the 25th May, 1871, and by unanimous vote as follows:

1. We, the Sov.'. Grand Commander and Inspectors-General of the Supreme Council for the Jurisdiction of Italy, sitting at Turin, until it shall be legally transferred to the Capital at Rome :

Recognize as just, well founded and unimpeachable, the claim of the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the

United States, against the unjustifiable and arrogant assumption of authority on the part of the Grand Orient of France, in invading the territory of the State of Louisiana, which is under the jurisdiction of the Southern Supreme Council.

2. We approve the justice of all the measures adopted by the Northern and Southern Supreme Councils of the United States, to protect the sound principle of direction, inviolability and absolute authority acquired by all lawfully constituted powers.

3. We further declare that the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions aforesaid, have well deserved of Masonry, in upholding the banner of territorial independence against the aggressions of any foreign power, or illegitimate Masonic authority in violation of the sacred rights of fidelity and friendship.

4. We will unite our strength and make common cause with them in repelling any attempt that may be made against the legality and legitimacy of the powers recognized by us as legally constituted as faithful friends and allies.

5. We pray the said Northern and Southern Supreme Councils to consider us as henceforth their allies in protecting the sanctuary of justice, against the violence of unlawful injury of foreign jurisdictions.

6. We send fraternal and sincere salutation to all Masons in the United States, legally recognized as such by the local authority, having lawful jurisdiction conformably to our declaration of friendship and union.

7. We invite our dear brother representing us near the aforesaid two Supreme Councils of the United States of America, to present these our decrees in solemn and official form to the said bodies and to all Masonic bodies in the United States, under the jurisdiction of the said Councils.

The Supreme Council orders these decrees to be communicated to all its subordinates for their government and information.

The Supreme Council for the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Italy nevertheless, indulges the hope that the Masonic family will exert its power to avoid further conflict, that it will consider the general welfare of the order and exalt the olive branch in the labor of rectitude.

May the G.'. A.'. have your dear brethren in His Holy Keeping.

The Supreme Council for the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Italy, and of the Masonic family of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, by its great seal and the signatures of its officers.

Dated at the Seat of the Grand Orient in Turin, the 5th day of Sivan 5631, and 25 May, 1871. (V.'. E.'.)

[SEAL.]

DE MILBITZ, 33°,

Sov.'. Grand Com.'. .

MAURIZIO ZACCARIA, 33°,

Gr.'. Sec.'. Gen.'. .

N. T. TAMARO, 33°,

Gr.'. Mas.'. Ceremonies.

TOMASO Z. ZAHAROWSKI, 33°,

Gr.'. Chancellor.

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BALUSTRE OF SUPREME COUNCIL OF PERU.

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| Antonio de Souza Ferreira, | Muy Poderoso Sob'. Gr'. Comendador. |
| Blaz José Alzamora, | Poderoso Teniente Gr'. Com'. |
| Ricardo H. Hartley, | III'. Secretario General, S'. I'. |
| L. Alberto Leuthold, | III'. Tesorero General S'. I'. |
| Rafael Saco, | III'. Ministro de Estado, S'. I'. |
| José Carrillo de Albornoz, | III'. Gr'. Maestro de Ceremonies. |
| Manuel Elguere, | III'. Capitan de Guardias. |
| José Canevaro, | III'. Sob'. Gr'. Insp'. Gen'. S'. I'. |
| Pedro Galvez. | III'. Sob'. Gr'. Insp'. Gen'. S'. I'. |

GR'. OR'. DE Tenedor, EN LIMA, A LOS

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5 dias del Mes טבת A.C. M. 5631.

RICARDO H. HARTLEY,

Gen'. Sec'. S'. I'.

Address—via Panama,

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ANT. DE SOUZA FERREIRA,

Consul General de Brazil,

Lima, Peru.

P. D.

RICARDO H. HARTLEY,

Consul General de Costa Rica,

Lima, Peru.

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BALUSTRE OF SOUTHERN SUPREME COUNCIL IN RELATION
TO NEW GRENADA AND PROPOSED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

GRAND ORIENT OF CHARLESTON, IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

6th day of the month ליל א. M. 5631; 24th August, 1871, V. E.

The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World), of the Sovereigns, the Grand Inspectors-General, Grand Elect Knights of the Holy House of the Temple, Grand Commanders of the Holy Empire, of the 33° and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

BY ITS SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER:

To the M'. P'. Sovereign and P'. Lieutenant Grand Commanders, and Ill'. Dignitaries, and the Ill'. Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States; of the Supreme Council for England and Wales, and the dependencies of the British Crown; of the Supreme Council for Ireland; of the Supreme Council of France, and the French possessions; of the Supreme Council of Belgium; of the Supreme Council of Portugal; of the Supreme Council of Italy at Torino; of the Supreme Council of Peru; and of the Council of Brazil, ao Valle do Lavradio.

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M'. P'. P'. ILL'. AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN:

In the year 1864, Don Thomas C. de Mosquera, pretending to be the Protector of Colombian Masonry, established at Bogota, in the Republic

of Nueva Granada, a body styling itself "El Grande Oriente Central Colombiano," and one styling itself "El Supremo Consejo de SS. GG. IL. JJ. de la Jurisdiccion del Centro de Colombia," against the will and in contempt of the authority and jurisdiction of El Grande Oriente, Neo-Granadino and El Supremo Consejo de la Republica de Nueva Granada, having their See at Cartajena, in that Republic.

Against this schismatic and revolutionary procedure, the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of New Granada protested in the most energetic terms, to the Supreme Councils of its correspondence, and among these, to the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, denouncing the said bodies so established by the said Mosquera, as illegitimate and spurious, and those who composed them as rebellious and unworthy Masons.

The Mother Supreme Council did thereupon, on full consideration of the subject, in the year 1865, declare irregular and illegitimate the said body calling itself a Supreme Council, at Bogota, upon the ground, among others, that there could not be two Supreme Councils in one Republic of South America; which decision was published by the Supreme Council of New Granda.

From which time, until very recently, we have heard nothing in regard to said bodies at Bogota, and supposed them to have become extinct, until, being accidentally put in possession of the Registro Official of said Supreme Council of New Granada, for January, 1871, we have learned therefrom, to our unbounded surprise and astonishment, that in that month a Treaty was ratified by the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Nueva Granada, made with the said spurious and unlawful Supreme Council of irregular Masons at Bogota, by which it has been recognized as legitimate and regular, and the said Republic divided into two jurisdictions, one of which has been assigned to the said spurious body.

We have advised the Grande Oriente Neo-Granadino and the Supremo Consejo de la Republica de Nueva Granada, that we cannot recognize the said body at Bogota as in any wise legitimated by the said Treaty, and that we cannot continue to maintain relations of correspondence and amity with themselves, after such recognition by them of the said spurious and irregular body, inasmuch as they have, by establishing formal relations with it, violated the laws of Masonry and become infected with the same irregularity.

We are also convinced that the time has now come when the Supreme Councils of the Great Jurisdictions of the two Hemispheres should take council together and agree upon rules in regard to the creation of new Supreme Councils; that they may be no more multiplied in small and unimportant jurisdictions, to the great cheapening of the 33d Degree, and lessening the dignity with which those high bodies should be invested.

The Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, will submit to that Body, (which governs the Rite in twenty-two States and all the Territories of the United States), at its approaching Session in May next, and recommend for its adoption, the following Articles of Agreement between itself and such of the Great Supreme Councils of the World as shall accede thereto, subject to such modifications as may be agreed upon between them; that is to say:

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AND COMPACT.

ARTICLE I.

The Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States will not recognize more than one Supreme Council of the 33d

Degree in any North or South American Republic; and agrees that the creation of more than one is forbidden, except in the United States of America, by the fundamental law of the Rite.

ARTICLE II.

The said Supreme Council will maintain, as an inviolable law and landmark of Freemasonry, that an illegitimate, irregular, and spurious body, claiming Supremacy, cannot be legitimated by a Treaty made between it and a regular body of the same rank and degree, but continues, after such treaty, as spurious and irregular as before.

ARTICLE III.

The said Supreme Council will maintain as the law of Freemasonry, that a regular body of any degree, so treating with and recognizing as its peer an irregular and illegitimate body, becomes itself infected with irregularity, and is no longer entitled to recognition; and it will maintain no relations of amity or correspondence with a body that so commits *felo de se*.

ARTICLE IV.

The said Supreme Council agrees that it will not hereafter create or authorize the creation of a Supreme Council in any Empire, Kingdom, Republic or State, anywhere in the world, without first obtaining the unanimous consent of all the Supreme Councils that shall accede to this agreement; and that it will not recognize any one created by any other power or authority, without such unanimous consent. Nor will it revive any dormant Supreme Council, without obtaining such consent thereto, nor recognize any dormant Council that may hereafter be revived without such consent.

Praying your careful consideration of which propositions, and hoping for your accession thereto, be pleased, M^r. P^r. P^r. and Ill^r. Brethren, to receive assurances of our high consideration and fraternal regard.

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,

Sov^r. Gr^r. Commander.

On motion of BRO^r. JOHN L. LEWIS, the Grand Commander was requested to refer the foregoing address to the appropriate Committees.

The Grand Commander read the following communication from Bro^r. William B. Newman, Hon^r. 33°, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Rite.

433 WEST 28th STREET, 11th of Nov., 1871.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Esq.,

M^r. P^r. Sov^r. Gr^r. Commander.

Having been for many years a member of the A^r. and A^r. S^r. R^r.; and under the Cerneau body an active member of the Supreme Council as my notices to attend said body show, would ask that now we are all united in one body whose Grand East is Boston, that my old standing in the Supreme Council be given me.

Owing to my business calling me away from my old residence at the time of the Union, I was not enabled to take the Oath of Fealty, until

about four years ago, while residing in Chicago, and, not having perused the proceedings of the Council until a few months ago, I was not aware but I was still an active member of the S. C.

My business calling me into different parts of the Union, I can hardly place myself, though now a resident of New York City, and that City having her full complement of members, I thought it best to address you upon the matter that you might bring it before the Supreme Council, and if they think it premature to place me in my former position in the City of New York, or to constitute me an active member at large, why the only thing that remains for me to do, is simply to be doubly loyal to our great and time Honored Rite.

With every wish for the prosperity of our Rite and your welfare, believe me most worthy Chief, your obedient servant.

W. B. NEWMAN,
S. P. R. 33°.

Also the following Communication from Bro.: William M. Cunningham, Hon.: 33°, which was referred to the same Committee.

CINCINNATI, 9th March, 1871.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M. P. Sov. Gr. Com.,
A. and A. Rite, U. S. A.

DEAR SIR :

In the last printed Proc.: of the Supreme Council of last year, I notice that on pp. 81 and 2, I am mentioned as having been elected to the grade of Hon.: 33°, the year preceding its reception, this is correct, but I am also mentioned as having received the grade the day *after the adoption* of the amendment, creating and defining the Second Grade of Hon.: 33°. This is evidently an error, as in accordance with *my recollection* I was *present* whilst the matter was being discussed and present at the adoption thereof, which could not have been the case had I received the grade, as printed in the proceedings.

How the error occurred, I of course, have no means of knowing, yet, as it is best that matters pertaining to Masonic History should be correct, and a matter of personal satisfaction, I mention the foregoing, trusting that the same may be corrected.

Fraternally and truly yours,

WM. M. CUNNINGHAM, 33 .

The statement of Bro.: Cunningham is correct.

K. H. VAN RENNSLAER, 33°.

My recollection accords with the above statement of Bro.: Cunningham.

E. T. CARSON, 33°.

March 9th, 1871.

The following Communication was read and on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

CINCINNATI, July 20, 1871.

A special meeting of Cincinnati Chapter of Rose Croix, de H.: R.: D.: M.:, was convened this evening, M.: W.: and P.: M.: Henry C. Urner, presiding.

R.'. and P.'. Kt.'. Carson, stated the object of assembling the Chapter, to be to take into consideration the propriety of granting permission to Princes of Jernsalem, residing within the Jurisdiction of this Chapter to receive the Rose Croix degrees in another Jurisdiction.

Upon motion R.'. and P.'. Kts.'. Caldwell, Wiltsee and Huston were appointed a Committee to report upon the subject, and after conference they offered the following, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the matter as to the propriety of granting permission to Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, residing within the Jurisdiction of this Chapter of Rose Croix, to go outside of this Jurisdiction, and into the Southern Jurisdiction to receive the degrees conferred in a Grand Chapter of Rose Croix, submit the following report:

This Chapter has control over the granting of degrees conferred in a Chapter of Rose Croix, and in the absence of any written law on the subject, this Chapter has the right to grant permission to any Prince of Jerusalem residing within its Jurisdiction to receive the Chapter degrees in any other Chapter where it may be most convenient or agreeable to him to apply for the same, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Chapter will exercise this power when application shall be made in writing by any Prince of Jerusalem residing within her Jurisdiction. That said application shall be presented at a regular or called meeting, and shall be referred to a special committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report at the next regular or called meeting of the Chapter. In their report upon the application, they shall recommend the granting or the rejecting of the application, and immediately upon their report being made to, and received by the Chapter, a ballot shall be had upon the application, and all members present shall be required to vote; and it shall require a majority of all the balls cast to grant the request. The affirmative shall be expressed by the white balls, provided that the granting of permission to go outside the Jurisdiction to receive the degrees, shall not be construed to give the applicant any right to claim membership in this Chapter after he may have received the degrees in any other Chapter.

Further Provided, That no action shall be taken by this Chapter in the way of granting said permissions under the above resolution, until the same shall have been submitted to the Sov.'. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Sov.'. Grand Inspectors-General, 33°, and receive his approval.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to make a certified copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, under the seal of the Chapter and transmit the same without delay, to Ill.: J. H. DRUMMOND, Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander.

CINCINNATI, O., July 20, 1871.

JOHN D. CALDWELL,
A. B. HUSTON,
W. P. WILTSEE, }
} Committee.

A true copy from the Records,

Attest,
W. A. MUNSELL,
Gr.'. Secretary.

The Grand Secretary-General rendered his report, to November 7th, 1871, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

(See Report of Committee on Finance.)

The Grand Treasurer-General rendered his report to same date, which was also referred to the Committee on Finance.

(*See Report of Committee on Finance.*)

The Grand Commander read the following communication:

CHICAGO, November 8, 1871.

To the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander and the Ill.: Brethren of the Council for the N.: M.: J.: of the United States.

Among the terms of consolidation of the two Consistories in this city, under date of February 3, 1871, was a resolution, "that an application be made to the Supreme Council for a change of the name of Occidental Consistory, to Oriental Consistory."

At a regular meeting of Occidental Consistory, I was requested to bring this matter before your Illustrious Body for their action.

Fraternally and courteously yours,

HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°,
Commander-in-Chief of Occidental Con.:

On motion the Communication was received and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The Grand Commander also read a second Communication from Ill.: Bro.: H. C. RANNEY, of Chicago, which was received and ordered on file.

The Grand Commander then appointed Bro.: THOMAS J. CORSON, on the Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation, in place of Bro.: JOSEPH H. HOUGH, (absent).

An application for a Dispensation to open a Lodge of Perfection at New Brunswick, N. J., accompanied by the Constitutional fee was read, and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

On motion Bro.: A. G. GOODALL, it was

Resolved, That the meetings of this Session be held at 10 o'clock, A. M., and 3 o'clock P. M., of each day, until its close, unless otherwise ordered.

The Grand Commander read a document in relation to Bro.: ALBERT CASE, action upon which, was on motion of Bro.: A. E. STOCKER, deferred until Executive Session.

The Supreme Council then took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

NOVEMBER 14, 1871.

The Supreme Council resumed labor at 3 o'clock P. M., officers and members as at Morning Session.

The Grand Commander apportioned his address to the Committees, as follows :

So much as relates to the decease of Ill.: Brethren to the Committee on Decease of Members.

So much as relates to the granting of Dispensations; to the request of the Grand Consistory of New Jersey, to meet alternately at Camden and Newark; and the proposed change of names of certain Bodies in Illinois; to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

So much as relates to the power of the Gr.: Commander to issue Dispensations for new Bodies without the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation; the proposed Articles of Agreement with other Supreme Councils, submitted by Ill.: Bro.: ALBERT PIKE; and the decisions, to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

So much as relates to the purchase of the Gourgas Manuscripts, etc.; and so much as relates to losses by Bodies in Illinois, to Committee on Finance.

So much as relates to Foreign affairs and that portion of the Balustre of M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander PIKE, which relates to the Supreme Council of New Grenada, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

So much as relates to conferring the Thirty-third Grade during the recess, and to the case of Frederic H. Dorr, to the Committee on the State of the Rite.

That the propositions of the Southern Supreme Council in relation to the Ritual be referred to the Committee on Rituals.

So much as relates to providing a depository for the archives of the Supreme Council; to a Special Committee, consisting of Bros.: CHARLES W. MOORE, WILLIAM S. GARDNER and WINSLOW LEWIS.

The Grand Commander then read the report of the Ill.: Deputy for Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation except that so much as relates to the remission of dues from the bodies at Springfield, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bro.: CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, stated that Templar Lodge of Perfection, Templar Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Monitor Chapter of Rose Croix of New York City, had forwarded one hundred and fifty dollars to Ill.: Bro.: V. L. HURLBUT for the relief of the Brethren of Chicago who were sufferers by the late fire.

The Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation made the following report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted:

The Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation, respectfully report :

That from a careful examination of the Condition of the Rite in Rhode Island, as represented in the able report of the Deputy for that District, it appears that during the past year unexampled prosperity has attended their efforts, and that good work has met with healthy fruition.

Your Committee would suggest the reference of the recommendations of the Council of Deliberation, to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

In the District of Pennsylvania, at the Orient of Philadelphia, in December last, a Council of Deliberation was convened by the Deputy, and the report of its proceedings exhibits a steady increase in numbers.

The Council was attended by representatives from nearly all the bodies in the District, also by many Illustrious Inspectors-General, including the Deputy for New Jersey.

The report of the Deputy for Pennsylvania states the condition of the bodies at Carlisle ; they having made no returns for several years, have surrendered their Warrants and united with the bodies at Harrisburg. He recommends that the Supreme Council approve of these proceedings, and your Committee concur in the recommendation.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. BANKS,
NATHAN H. GOULD, }
WILLIAM P. PREBLE, } Committee.

Bro.: LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Gr.: Rep.: of the Supreme Council of Belgium near this Supreme Council, presented Bulletin of the Supreme Council of Belgium, which was received and placed on file.

Bro.: WALTER A. STEVENS tendered an excuse of Ill.: Bro.: HOSMER A. JOHNSON for non-attendance at this Session, which was accepted, and the Brother excused.

Bro.: ORRIN WELCH asked that Bro.: CLINTON F. PAIGE be excused for non-attendance, which request was granted.

Bro.: ORRIN WELCH offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the active members of the several states be requested to present the names of Candidates for the Grade of Inspector-General Thirty third Degree, to-morrow morning.

Bro.: **ANTHONY E. STOCKER** offered the following Amendments to the Constitutions:

P. 16, Article 36. Meetings—2nd line, add, after “triennially”—
“At the stated meeting on or before.”

P. 18, Article 37,—2nd line from top, insert “the stated meeting on
or preceding.”

P. 19, Article 38,—of the election of officers, line 5th after “held,”
—insert, “at the stated meeting on or preceding.”

P. 21, Article 39,—of election of officers, 3d line, after “take place,”
insert “at the stated meeting held on or before.”

Which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions
and Laws.

Bro.: **JOHN W. SIMONS**, stated that some weeks since, the widow of the late **HENRY C. ATWOOD** had placed in his possession Documents relating to the A.: A.: Rite, which he had placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary General, he asked their reception by the Supreme Council, stating that the widow was an old lady and in straitened circumstances; and asked that a donation of fifty dollars be made for her relief.

Bro.: **WILLIAM S. GARDNER** offered the following, which was adopted:

It having been reported to the Supreme Council, that the widow of the late **HENRY C. ATWOOD** is now in needy circumstances;

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be appropriated to her relief.

On motion of Bro.: **H. STANLEY GOODWIN** it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to confer with the Committee on Constitution and Laws, and to consider the expediency of reducing the price of letters Patent and of Credence of the Third-second degree, as provided in Article 25 of the Constitutions.

The following Report was presented, accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the expediency of providing a suitable place for the Archives of the Supreme Council respectfully report :

That in the judgment of the Committee, it is expedient that some proper place should be provided in the city of Boston for the Archives

of the Council; and they recommend that the Supreme Council empower your Committee to provide such place in the city of Boston.

WILLIAM S. GARDNER, 33°,
CHARLES W. MOORE, 33°, }
WINSLOW LEWIS, 33°, } Committee.

Bro.: WALTER A. STEVENS offered the following resolution which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the G.: Secretary-General furnish each Deputy of this Supreme Council with Twenty Parchment, and Twenty Bristol Board Thirty-second Degree Patents, and that each Deputy report to the Grand Secretary-General with his annual report, the number sold, and the number remaining in his possession.

Bro.: ANTHONY E. STOCKER moved that the nominations for the Grade of Inspector-General, Thirty-third Degree, be made the special order in Executive Session to-morrow, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Bro.: BLADES, of Michigan, offered the following substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Supreme Council go into Executive Session immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, made the following Report :

The Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, to whom was referred the distribution of the Honorary Grade of the Thirty-third degree, among the several States represented in this Supreme Council respectfully report. That from April 1, 1870, to July 1, 1871, the number of Masons made in the several Lodges of Perfection in this Jurisdiction, as follows :

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| Maine, | 35 | Pennsylvania, | 69 |
| Massachusetts, | 87 | Michigan, | 8 |
| Rhode Island, | 7 | Ohio, | 52 |
| Connecticut, | 14 | Indiana, | 15 |
| New York, | 191 | Wisconsin, | 4 |
| New Jersey, | 81 | | |

Therefore they are entitled to the additional number of Honorary Thirty-thirds, viz :

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| Maine, | 1 | Pennsylvania, | 2 |
| Massachusetts, | 3 | Ohio, | 2 |
| New York, | 7 | Illinois, | 3 |
| New Jersey, | 3 | | |

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER,
JOHN SHEVILLE,
THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
} Committee.

The Grand Commander read a statement in relation to Bro.: ALBERT CASE, whereupon it was

Voted, That Bro.: ALBERT CASE, received his discharge from all relations with this Supreme Council, and all connections with the A.: A.: Rite.

The following Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, were then duly elected to the Hon.: Grade of Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third Degree, viz :

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| Charles Bechtal, | of Trenton, N. J. |
| William Henry Jefferys, | " Camden, N. J. |
| Marcus Higginbotham, | " Jersey City, N. J. |
| Jed P. C. Cotterill, | " Milwaukee, Wis. |
| Edwin R. Landon, | " Detroit, Mich. |
| Robert Henry Morrison, | " Sturgis, Mich. |
| DeWitt Clinton Hardy, | " Adrian, Mich. |
| Theodore T. Gurney, | " Chicago, Illinois. |
| Gilbert W. Barnard, | " " " |
| Fred. A. Wheeler, | " " " |
| James H. Paddock, | " " " |
| James H. McVick, | " " " |
| George R. Chittenden, | " " " |
| Henry L. Pond, | " " " |
| Orlin H. Miner, | " Springfield, " |
| N. F. Prentice, | " Freeport, " |
| John J. Steiger, | " Peoria, " |
| A. H. Swain, | " Monmouth, " |
| S. V. Seeger, | " Quincy, " |
| Thomas B. Shoaff, | " Fort Wayne, Ind. |
| William F. Cushing, | " South Bend, " |

The time for conferring the Grade of Inspector-General upon Bros.: Richard A. Bury, of Michigan; Peter S. Oliver and Edward H. Brown, of New York, was extended until the close of next Annual Session.

On motion of Bro.: CHAS. L. WOODBURY:

Resolved, That when this Executive Session calls off, it do so until to-morrow, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Bro.: ANTHONY E. STOCKER, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitutions be requested to inquire into the expediency of Amending the Constitution,—Article 2,—part 4,—6th and 7th lines, strike out "unanimous," and insert "by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at"—and the resolution on subject at bottom of page 88, of published proceedings.

Which was on motion adopted.

The Grand Commander read Applications for Dispensations to open a Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix in the City of Portage, Wisconsin; which were referred to Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The Grand Commander submitted the following:

SPECIAL REPORT.

On the twenty-third of March last, charges against an Active Member of this Supreme Council for unmasonic conduct in a Body of the Rite, were filed with me by two Honorary members of this Body, I issued summons to the accused to appear at this session to answer to the charges. The original charges and summons are herewith submitted.

I caused two copies of both to be made and attested by the Gr.: Secretary-General H.: E.: under the seal of the Supreme Council; and one of the copies to be delivered in hand to the accused, on the fourth day of April, 1871; the other copy with the return of service made thereon by the Gr.: Secretary-General is also herewith transmitted.

Application was then made to me for a commission to take testimony in the case. I was clearly of opinion that in the absence of express provisions in the Constitutions, an Active Member can be tried only by the Supreme Council, and that I had no power to appoint a commission to hear the evidence and report conclusions thereon. At the same time, it seemed to me that, in so extensive a jurisdiction, if all the witnesses were required to attend personally the trial in Supreme Council at its Annual Session, there would frequently be an entire failure of justice. This might be obviated by calling a Special Session of the Supreme Council near the residence of the accused; but the impossibility of procuring a full attendance, as well as the great expense involved, are decisive in most cases against this course. I finally determined to issue a commission, with carefully prepared instructions, to

an Active Member, to whom neither the accusers or the accused could reasonably object, to take the depositions of such witnesses as would be presented by either party. From some cause unknown to me, however, no testimony was taken and the commission was returned. I submit herewith a copy of the commission and instructions.

It will be seen that I expressly advised the parties, that I found no authority for taking testimony in this manner; but as the Supreme Council had full power in the premises, it could receive or reject the depositions as in its wisdom, it should determine that right and justice should require. As unhappily, experience shows that such cases are liable to occur, I desire that you should determine whether upon the trial of an Active Member by this Supreme Council, depositions shall or shall not be used; and if they are allowed, that you shall provide in what manner they shall be taken.

I submit the whole matter for your action.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
Sov'. Gr'. Commander.

Bro'. A. G. GOODALL moved that it be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed by the Grand Commander—and that they report at the next Executive Session.

The motion was adopted, and the Grand Commander appointed as such Committee, Bros'.

CHARLES L. WOODBURY, 33°,
ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°,
ORRIN WELCH, 33°.

Labor in Executive Session was then suspended until 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and the Supreme Council was called off until to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 15, 1871.

The Supreme Council resumed labor at 10 o'clock A. M.

The minutes of yesterday's transactions were read and confirmed.

There were present additional Active Members:

Ill'. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Gr'. Captain of the Guard.
" ROBERT H. FOSS, . . . Gr'. Standard Bearer.
" WILLIAM BARRETT, . . Deputy of New Hampshire.
" WILLIAM R. HIGBY, . . of Connecticut.
" THOMAS R. AUSTIN, . . of Indiana.

Also additional Honorary Members:

MARQUIS F. KING, of Maine.
CHARLES C. DAME, of Massachusetts.
ABRAHAM A. DAME, of Massachusetts.
DANIEL W. LAWRENCE, of Massachusetts.
CHARLES E. MEYER, of Pennsylvania.
JOHN HANOLD, of Pennsylvania.
JOHN WOOLVERTON, of New Jersey.

Bro.: E. T. CARSON submitted his report as Deputy for Ohio, together with proceedings of Council of Deliberation for that State, which were referred to Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation.

Bro.: D. BURNHAM TRACY also submitted his report as Deputy for Michigan, which was referred to the same Committee.

The following Report was presented:

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies beg leave further to report:

That they have read with pride and pleasure the transactions of the Council of Deliberation for Illinois, held in the City of Chicago this present year.

The happy Union of all discordant elements and the merging of opposing bodies command the respect as well as the admiration of all who have the advancement and prosperity of our beautiful Rite at heart.

To no one more than Bro.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, Deputy for the District of Illinois, is praise due for this most auspicious result, after years of estrangement through the influences of kindliness and mutual forbearance what was once almost hopeless chaos, is now the home of harmony, and the only strife is that noble contention to achieve under a common banner, the greatest good and the highest success in the propagation of the sublime tenets that bind and connect us as a band of brothers.

In concurrence with the action of the Council of Deliberation, it is recommended that this Supreme Council direct the names of the bodies located at Quincy, Freeport and Peoria to be changed, as prayed for in the proceedings.

The Committee also concur in the recommendation of the Deputy, that the Charters of the several bodies in Springfield, which were destroyed by fire, in February last, be renewed to them without charge, and that their dues to the Supreme Council be remitted.

The terrible destruction by the unparalleled conflagration at Chicago, has left the bodies in that City homeless and impoverished, and it is estimated that the loss in Regalia and properties is not less than seven or eight thousand dollars. The records cannot be replaced, but the Charters may be renewed, and it is hoped duplicated in their original form.

Your Committee therefore concur in the recommendation of Illustrious Bro.: HURLBUT to that effect, and would also suggest that for the purpose of continuing the good work so signally interrupted by the late fire, and to enable said bodies to refurbish, and without delay resuscitate themselves, your Committee recommend an appropriation of such an amount as the Committee on Finance may deem expedient.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. BANKS,
NATHAN H. GOULD,
WALTER A. STEVENS,
THOMAS J. CORSON,
WILLIAM P. PREBLE.

On motion, so much of the report as relates to changing names of bodies, and so much as relates to Charters, was referred to Committee on Dispensations and Charters; the recommendations relative to the remission of dues, and appropriation to Chicago, were referred to the Committee on Finance; and the remainder of the report was adopted.

The Grand Commander appointed the following Brethren to fill vacancies in Standing Committees for this Session.

ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

In place of Bro.: CLINTON F. PAIGE,—Bro.: ORRIN WELCH, of N. Y.

In place of Bro.: HENRY L PALMER,—Bro. ALVIN B. ALDEN, of Wis.

In place of Bro.: JOHN CAVEN,—Bro.: WALTER A. STEVENS, of Ill.

In place of Bro.: A. T. METCALF,—Bro.: HEMAN ELY, of Ohio.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

In place of Bro.: HENRY L PALMER,—Bro.: THOMAS A. DOYLE, of R. I.

In place of Bro.: CLINTON F. PAIGE,—Bro.: JOHN H. GEORGE, of N. H.

In place of Bro.: WILLIAM BARRETT,—Bro.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, of Ill.

ON DECEASE OF MEMBERS.

In place of Bro.: ALBERT CASE,—Bro.: J. CLARKE HAGEY,
of Pa.

The time having arrived for the special order, Bros.: E. T. CARSON, and C. T. McCLENACHAN, proceeded to exemplify certain portions of the secret work of the Rite from the Fourth, to, and including the Thirty-second Degree.

On motion of Bro.: ORRIN WELCH, it was

Resolved, That the secret work as exemplified, be referred to a Special Committee, to report at this Session of the Supreme Council.

The Grand Commander appointed as such Committee,

ENOCH T. CARSON,
C. T. McCLENACHAN,
H. STANLEY GOODWIN.

Bro.: ENOCH T. CARSON of Committee on Rituals, made report of revisions in the several degrees of the Lodge of Perfection.

Bro.: H. STANLEY GOODWIN moved, that the report of the Committee be accepted, and that the revised Rituals as submitted by Bro.: CARSON on behalf of said Committee, be adopted as the Ritual for Lodges of Perfection, subordinate to the Supreme Council of this Jurisdiction. The motion was seconded, and the report together with the revised Rituals, were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Bro.: ENOCH T. CARSON, it was

Resolved, That a select Committee of five be appointed to edit the Rituals, as adopted, previous to their being promulgated to the subordinates as the work of this jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander appointed as such Committee,

ENOCH T. CARSON,
VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
ALVIN B. ALDEN,
CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
CHARLES L. WOODBURY.

The Grand Commander read the following document from St. John, New Brunswick, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations to report at the next Annual Session of the Supreme Council.

To the Supreme Council of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The memorial of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Eighteenth Degree, and of the Consistory of K. H. or Thirtieth Degree of New Brunswick, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, on the Registry of Scotland :

Showeth, that in the year of our Lord 1860, a Provincial Grand Lodge of H.: R.: M.: of the Honorable Order of R.: S.: Y.: C.: S.: was duly constituted at the City of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick; British North America, by Charter from the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, at Edinburgh; and that Benjamin Lester Peters hereinafter mentioned, is the present Provincial Grand Master of H.: R.: M.: in New Brunswick, holding patent as such, from the Grand Lodge of R.: S.: Y.: C.: S.: of the Royal Order of Scotland.

That the Supreme Council for Scotland, of the Thirty-third and last Degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite did, by Charter granted from the Great East, on the ninth day of August, now last past, A. D. 1871, at Edinburgh, to Robert Thomson Clinch, 32°, Christopher Murray, 30°, Benjamin Lester Peters, 30°, John Valentine Ellis, 30°, Edward Willis, 30°, Edwin James Everitt, 30°, and Alexander Rankin, 30°, all members of the Royal Order of Scotland, and all members of the Rose Croix Chapter, 18th Degree, and Consistory of K. H. or 30th Degree of Edinburgh, in Scotland, and all residing in the City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, British North America, duly constitute the said Brethren being members of the Thirtieth or K. H. Degree, and Consistory of Edinburgh, into a Regular Chapter of Rose Croix, 18th and Consistory of K. H. or 30th Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, called the Chapter and Consistory of New Brunswick, No. 2, on the Registry of the Supreme Council for Scotland, to be held in the Province of New Brunswick aforesaid.

That acting under the authority so conferred upon them, the said named Brethren did thereafter, at the City of Saint John, in the said Province of New Brunswick, duly open, organize and establish the Chapter of Rose Croix, Eighteenth Degree, and the Consistory of K. H. or Thirtieth "Degree of New Brunswick" No. 2, on the Registry of the Supreme Council for Scotland, of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

That your Memorialists, the Chapter and Consistory so duly erected and constituted, are desirous of entering into fraternal communication through the Supreme Council, with the Subordinate Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and of preserving friendly relations between members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in the United States and British Provinces.

Dated at the City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick,
the thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1871. A. L. 5875.

ROBERT T. CLINCH, 32°,

Grand Commander,

Consistory of K. H. of New Brunswick,
B. LESTER PETERS, 30°,

Deputy Gr. Commander,

*Consistory of K. H. of New Brunswick, and Prov. Grand Master
of Royal Order of Scotland, for New Brunswick.*

CHRIST. MURRAY, 30°,

M. W. Sovereign, Rose Croix Chapter of New Brunswick.

Bro.: STOCKER, of Pa., offered a resolution in relation to the Rituals heretofore promulgated, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bro.: CARSON, of Ohio, offered a resolution on the same subject, which was referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Bro.: C. T. McCLENACHAN, the Special Committee upon Secret Work were instructed to report on all Secret matters belonging to the Rite.

Bro.: C. T. McCLENACHAN offered the following resolutions which were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters:

Resolved, That the name of Monitor Chapter Rose Croix, located in the City of New York, be changed to "Templar Chapter Rose Croix," and that the Charter ordered by the Supreme Council be engrossed accordingly, and transmitted to said Chapter.

Resolved, That the Deputy for the District of New York be authorized and requested to give to each subordinate body in his District a distinctive number, and that his decision be final thereon.

The Supreme Council then took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

NOVEMBER 15, 1871, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Supreme Council resumed labor.

Bro.: CHARLES L. WOODBURY of Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Constitutions, as to so much of the Grand Commander's address, as refers to the subject of "Dispensations," report,

that they are satisfied with the decision at which the Grand Commander has arrived, regarding his power to issue Dispensations.

Second, With regard to so much of the Grand Commander's address as refers to the request made by the New York Council of Deliberation, that the word "Affiliated" be stricken out of Article 39, of the Constitutions, the Committee recommend that the change be made as requested, with the addition after the word "standing," of the words "in the State of his residence."

By order of the Committee,

CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That such portion of the report as relates to decision of the Grand Commander, regarding his power to grant Dispensations be adopted.

The second portion of the report, recommending the amendment to Article 39 of Constitutions, by striking out the word "Affiliated," and adding the words "in the State of his residence," was taken up and adopted by a Constitutional vote of the members of this Supreme Council.

Article 39, of Constitution as amended now reads:

The degrees conferred in a Lodge of Perfection, shall not be conferred upon any person unless he is a Master Mason in good standing in the State of his residence.

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred so much of the Balustre of the Southern Supreme Council, as relates to proposed articles of agreement, asked leave to report at next Annual Session, which was granted.

Bro.: ENOCH T. CARSON of Special Committee on secret work, made a report of secret work for Lodges of Perfection and Chapters of Rose Croix, which was exemplified and adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Jurisprudence whom was referred that part of the Address of the Grand Commander, relating to decisions made by him during the past year, report:

That they do not understand that their duty is to revise the official decisions of the Grand Commander, unless some complaint is referred to them. They have read over the digest given by the Grand Commander in his able and dignified address, and as no one has appealed or

objected against the said decisions, your Committee have nothing before them on the subject demanding action, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

By order of the Committee,

CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY.

The Grand Secretary General read a letter from Bro.: **GEORGE W. BENTLEY**, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this Session, which being satisfactory, the Brother was excused.

Bro.: **JOSEPH D. EVANS** offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Commander be authorized in his discretion to have copies made of all original documents received by him, or the Supreme Council from other Jurisdictions where the originals are in English, and translations where the Originals are in other languages; to the end that all such originals may be preserved in the Archives of this Supreme Council.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL THEN WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, Nov. 15, 4 o'clock, P. M.

PAST M.: P.: Sov.: GRAND COMMANDER, JOHN L. LEWIS, presiding.

On motion of Bro.: **JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND**, the time for receiving the Grade of Inspector-General, 33°, by Bro.: **J. A. HUTTON**, of Indiana, was extended until the close of the next Annual Session of the Supreme Council.

The following Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret were elected to the Grade of Inspector-General, 33°:

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| Sereno D. Nickerson, | . | . | of Mass. |
| Percival L. Everett, | . | . | " " |
| Charles A. B. Shepard, | . | . | " " |
| James A. Fox, | . | . | " " |
| Alexander B. Huston, | . | . | " Ohio. |
| Appolos M. Ross, | . | . | " " |
| John H. Lynde, | . | . | " Maine. |
| Stephen J. Young, | . | . | " " |
| Henry H. Dickey, | . | . | " " |

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| Jesse M. White, | of New York, |
| Mead Belden, | " " " |
| Andrew Jackson Warner, | " " " |
| John D. Williams, | " " " |
| George Babcock, | " " " |
| Robert James Shaw, | " Indiana. |
| Algernon Sidney Chase, | " " |
| James H. Hopkins, | " Pennsylvania. |
| Geter C. Shidle, | " " |
| Samuel Harper, | " " |
| Thomas R. Patton, | " " |
| Thomas R. Davis, | " " |
| Edward S. Wyckoff, | " " |
| Andrew Robeno, Jr., | " " |
| Mark Richards Muckle, | " " |
| John Sartain, | " " |
| Isaac Muff, | " " |
| Charles Richard Early, | " " |
| Frank Lewis Stowell, | " " |
| James M. Porter, | " " |

Bro'. GOODWIN, of Pa., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the number of Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third degree, may be increased from time to time in the different States, within the limit that the number of Inspectors-General of all grades and classes of any State shall not be increased to exceed the proportion of one to every twenty-five, or fraction of twenty-five Gr'. E'. P'. and S'. Masons, in the State as reported to the Supreme Council at its Annual Session.

Which was on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Bro'. BLADES, of Mich., moved that the special order of business for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock A. M., be the conferring of the Thirty-third degree, which was adopted.

On motion of Bro'. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, it was

Resolved, That the Thirty-third degree be conferred on Friday, at 8 o'clock P. M., on such Candidates as are elected and shall be unable to attend at the Morning Session to-morrow.

Bro'. C. T. McCLENACHAN, moved to amend the General Regulations by substituting the following for the resolution adopted in June, 1870, and published on page 76, of printed transactions of that year.

Resolved, That in each and every year hereafter, each State shall be credited with the right to nominate for the Honorary Grade of the

Thirty-third degree, one Candidate for every *fifty* Gr.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons made within its Jurisdiction during the Masonic year, dating from the first day of July, 1871.

Which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion of Bro.: GOODWIN, of Pa., it was

Resolved, That the Supreme Council accept the invitation of Lafayette Lodge of Perfection to attend their meeting on Thursday evening; and the invitation of Massachusetts Sov.: Consistory, to attend their meeting on Friday evening next.

Labor in the Executive Session was then suspended, and the Supreme Council called off till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, November 16, 1871.

The Supreme Council resumed labor at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on the State of the Rite, made the following report:

The Committee on the General State of the Rite to whom was referred the application of Ill.: W. B. Newman, to be restored to his former standing in the Supreme Council, beg leave to report :

From the statement of the Ill.: Brother, your Committee learn that before the union of the two bodies in June, 1867, he held an active membership in a Council known as the Cerneau body, and in consequence of his absence from the City or State of New York, he was not identified as a member of either of the bodies forming the union of the two Councils herein referred to. He asks to be replaced in his former position; your Committee having given to the subject a careful consideration, can find no grounds upon which the petitioner can rest his claim.

In forming the Union, it was stipulated that the names of the Active Members of each Council should be individually specified, and the list of the one should be accepted by the other, thus forming one Supreme Council. Among the names submitted to be acted upon, we do not find that of the petitioner, nor have we any reason to believe that the omission of his name was unintentional; we therefore suggest that his petition be not granted, and that he have leave to withdraw it.

In regard to the petition of Ill.: Bro.: W. M. Cunningham, to have the record of this Council corrected in his case; beg leave to submit the following report as the result of their investigation :

In this case, the Committee find that Brother Cunningham was elected with others to the high grade of Sov.'. Grand Inspector-General at the Session of the Council in June, 1865, previous to the adoption of the amendment of the Constitution affecting the Status of the Sov.'. Grand Inspectors-General in their Honorary relationship, and at which time it was ordered "that those who before the adoption of this amendment were Honorary Members, shall lose none of the rights they would have had if this amendment had not been adopted, and shall be permitted to be in Executive Session, except in the election of Active Members." Under these circumstances, we see no reason why Ill.'. Bro.'. Cunningham, and others alike situated, are not entitled to the privileges of the Honorary Grade as it stood at the time they were severally elected to the high order of the Thirty-third Degree.

This subject was clearly and elaborately set forth in the decision of the M.'. P.'. Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander at the last Session of the Council, and the decision met the approval and received the hearty concurrence of the Body. We therefore deem it unnecessary to re-open the subject, particularly as the rights of the Ill.'. Brother are not in the least affected or jeopardized by the record as it now stands; we would therefore propose to let the matter rest as it at present stands.

The Committee would also report that they have examined the proceedings of the various Bodies which met under the authority of this Council to confer the Thirty-third Degree, on certain brethren who had been duly elected by the Council to that degree, and find the following Brethren to have received the Thirty-third degree in due form, viz.:

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| Ill.'. Horatio N. Hurlbut, | . | . | . | . | . | of Illinois. |
| " Warren G. Purdy, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Jacob W. Brewer, | . | . | . | . | . | Massachusetts. |
| " Oliver Ellsworth, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " George H. Peirson, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Samuel J. M. Homer, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Samuel H. Gregory, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Albert Von Haller Carpenter, | . | . | . | . | . | Wisconsin. |
| " James B. Brayton, | . | . | . | . | . | Rhode Island. |
| " James Sutton Totten, | . | . | . | . | . | Ohio. |
| " William Rockwood Hawes, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Kent Jarvis, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Charles C. Kiefer, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Flavius Josephus Phillips, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Bellamy Storer, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " William Wallace Goodwin, | . | . | . | . | . | New Jersey. |
| " Augustus Bernard Taber, | . | . | . | . | . | Michigan. |
| " James Fenton, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " William Samuel Patrick, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Andrew James Kellogg, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " John Hanold, | . | . | . | . | . | Pennsylvania. |
| " Townsend Sharpless Hunn, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Charles Henry Kingston, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Calvin Llewellyn Stowell, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| " Isaac Dininger Lutz, | . | . | . | . | . | " |

We therefore recommend that the names of these Ill.: Brethren be entered on the roll of Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third degree, with the Honorary Grade as provided for under the Constitution.

In regard to the case of Ill.: Frederick H. Dorr, which was referred to this Committee, we recommend that his Oath of Fealty be received, and that his name be enrolled as an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. EVANS,
CHAS. W. MOORE,
THOS. A. DOYLE.

The several subjects and recommendations contained were taken up separately, acted upon and adopted.

Bro.: ALVIN B. ALDEN submitted his report as Deputy for Wisconsin (the copy forwarded to the Grand Commander not having been received); which was referred to the Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies.

Bro.: EVANS, of New York, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the provisions of the Constitutions affecting the Status of the Honorary Members, in Article 2, be referred to the Committee on Constitutions and Laws, with instruction to report an amendment to that article in accordance with the Articles of Union.

Which was adopted.

Bro.: C. T. McCLENACHAN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Consistories located in the Cities of New York and Brooklyn, to wit: Cosmopolitan Consistory of New York City, and Aurora Grata Consistory of Brooklyn, be and are hereby authorized to meet in either of said Cities as each Consistory may from time to time determine.

Which was on motion referred to the Committee on Constitutions and Laws.

Bro.: ORRIN WELCH asked leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, which was granted.

Bro.: BANKS, of New York, stated that a letter had been placed in his hands relating to certain documents or Rituals

printed by parties in the City of New York—action on which was had at the last Session of this Supreme Council; and the matter was then supposed to be finally disposed of; but from the tenor of the letter referred to, the parties engaged in that transaction, now make a claim for payment.

On motion the whole subject was laid upon the table.

Bro.: ALVIN B. ALDEN, of Committee on Rituals, read a report from that Committee, with resolutions; an Amendment offered by Bro.: GOULD, of R. I., was adopted; and,

Pending further action on report the time for the Special Order arrived, and there being important business to be brought before the Council, the Special Order was vacated for the time being, for the purpose of going into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret were then elected to receive the Grade of Inspector-General, Thirty-third degree;

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| NATHAN ADOLPHUS BALDWIN, | of Connecticut. |
| WILLIAM H. FOGG, | Indiana. |
| HENRY H. GETTY, | Illinois. |
| WILLIAM H. EGLE, | Pennsylvania. |

Bro.: WILLIAM P. PREBLE, of Portland, Maine, was elected Deputy for that State, in place of Ill.: ABNER BOURNE THOMPSON, deceased.

GENERAL SESSION.

The business of this morning's Executive Session being concluded,

The Supreme Council resumed labor in General Session, and proceeded with the Special Order.

The following named Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret were introduced; and the Thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon them in due form, and they were duly acknowledged and proclaimed as Inspectors-

General of the Thirty-third degree, and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S.:

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| WILLIAM FERGUSON CUSHING, | South Bend, Ind. |
| ROBERT HENRY MORRISON, | Sturgis, Mich. |
| FRANK LEWIS STOWELL, | Olean, N. Y. |
| CHARLES AUGUSTUS BILLINGS SHEPARD, | Boston, Mass. |
| JESSE MELVIN WHITE, | Albany, N. Y. |
| THEODORE TUTHILL GURNEY, | Chicago, Illinois. |
| FREDERICK AUGUSTUS WHEELER, | Chicago, Illinois. |
| GEORGE REDFIELD CHITTENDEN, | Chicago, Illinois. |

The Supreme Council then took a recess until 3 o'clock,
P. M.

THURSDAY, November 16, 1871.

The Supreme Council resumed labor at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Report of the Committee on Rituals was again read, and resolutions further amended, and as amended, adopted.

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies, rendered their Report on the Districts of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin, as follows:

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies, respectfully

REPORT:

That they have noticed the doings of the Council of Deliberation of Maine, and especially the Resolution asking permission to give the degrees of the A.'. and A.'. Rite without charge to Clergymen, in particular cases when deemed advisable. Doubting the expediency of conferring degrees without charge, under any circumstances upon any one, and believing that the Degrees are of a good value to all alike possessing them, your Committee cannot recommend the granting of the request.

Relating to reduction of the price for Letters Patent and of Credence, another Committee has already the matter in charge.

Your Committee recommend, that so much as relates to the death of Ill.'. Bro.'. Thompson, and the proceedings of the Lodge of Sorrow thereon, be referred to the "Committee on Decease of Members."

The decease of the late Illustrious Deputy, accounts for the absence of a Report of the administration of affairs in the District of Maine during the past Masonic year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In this District we find rapid progress toward a consolidation of the various Bodies of the Rite during the stages of which, there has not been an opportunity for the regular advancement in work.

From the Deputy's Report, we feel assured that during the coming Masonic year we shall be gratified by the good and solid material which they will select for the walls of our Spiritual Temple, and at our next Annual Session the Supreme Council will doubtless have cause of congratulation upon the auspicious result.

We concur in the recommendation of the Deputy, that a Charter be issued to Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection to be located at Keene.

VERMONT.

The Report of the Deputy for this District, exhibits the Rite so far as it has been introduced, to be in a prosperous condition, and the hope is indulged that new Bodies may be speedily established in the Jurisdiction.

Your Committee would recommend the appointment of a resident Deputy for the State of Vermont, and thus relieve Ill'. Bro'. Barrett from double duty, and enable him to give his valuable services to New Hampshire, where so much of the success of the Rite is so justly attributed to him.

CONNECTICUT.

Your Committee state that they have examined the Report of the Deputy for that District, and it appears that all the Bodies generally have done a flattering business and are in a healthy state of prosperity, no particular matter appears to be presented by Ill'. Bro'. Carter, requiring the action of the Supreme Council.

NEW YORK.

A Council of Deliberation was held in the City of New York, in June last, at which the Ill'. Deputy, Orrin Welch, was not present. Inasmuch as our regulations require that the Deputies shall preside in such Bodies, it is doubted whether any proceedings had therein without his presence could be deemed regular.

To meet this contingency in the future, your Committee recommend that in such cases the Deputy may designate a Brother to preside, and in the event of omission to do so, that the Representatives present may elect any Sov'. G'. Insp'. Gen'. to fill his station for the time being.

Your Committee is pleased to be able to report that the Rite is in an active and flourishing condition in this State, and especially in the City

of New York, where the Degrees, from the 4th to the 18th inclusive, are worked *in full*, with complete regalia, properties, and appointments.

Your Committee recommend that the acts and doings of said Council of Deliberation, be in all respects declared regular, and in full force and effect, notwithstanding the absence of the Deputy therefrom.

The Ill.'. Grand Secretary of the Council of Deliberation, Bro.'. A. P. Moriarty, should be commended for the handsome manner in which its transactions have been arranged and published.

The report of the Deputy announcing the recent decease of Bro.'. Nicholas Muckles, 33°, Ill.'. Inspector-General and Honorary Member of this Supreme Council from the District of New York; Bro.'. M., though of late years somewhat inactive in the Rite, by reason of continued chronic indisposition, never failed in sympathy and devotion to our beautiful inculcatory and sublime teachings.

NEW JERSEY.

It appears from the proceedings of the Council of Deliberation, held under the auspices of Ill.'. Bro.'. Jno. Sheville, the present efficient Deputy for New Jersey, that during the past year a great improvement in the condition of the Rite in this District is manifest.

Several new bodies have been instituted, and the Illustrious Deputy is entitled to special commendation for the present prosperity of the Rite.

The alternative Rendezvous of the Consistory at Canden and Jersey City, is concurred in by your Committee, in the confident belief that great good will be effected, and harmony in the District more effectually promoted.

New Jersey has made wonderful advancement since the last assembling of this Supreme Body.

MICHIGAN.

Your Committee have examined the Report of the Deputy of this District, and find that a majority of the Bodies are now considering the expediency of consolidation with the Detroit Bodies. He recommends the withdrawal of the Charters at Ann Arbor, there having been no work or return of the several Bodies there for two years.

And we recommend that he be authorized to proceed in the case of the Bodies at Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids, as in his discretion may appear necessary for the interests of the Rite—and when it shall appear to him expedient to form a consolidation of any Bodies, it may be done by an unanimous vote of the members respectively, returning the Charters of such Bodies to the Sec.'. Gen.'. H.'. E.'., and allowing the individual members to unite with the Body or Bodies most conveniently situated for that purpose.

OHIO.

Your Committee have perused with great pleasure the Report of the Deputy of this District portraying the continued prosperity of our beautiful Rite. The various Bodies are doing excellent and very acceptable work. The affliction which has befallen them by the decease of two of their most eminent and active members should not fail of recognition, and we recommend that memorial pages in the Proceedings be inscribed to them.

The Illustrious Deputy—with characteristic brevity, modesty and terseness—tells the story of his official acts in few words.

INDIANA.

But a portion of the Bodies of this District have made returns of their proceedings; from which it appears that they are in a healthy condition, although they have not to any great extent numerically increased, their progress shows no lack of interest in the Rite.

The Ill'. Deputy submits no special recommendations; but it appears that dues remain unpaid from Bodies at Fort Wayne, Richmond, Terre Haute, Logansport, Anderson and Cambridge.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Ill'. Deputy should require prompt action in the payment of said dues, some of which delinquencies date back as far as 1869, and in the event of further neglect in this behalf on the part of said Bodies, that he have discretionary power to arrest their warrants.

WISCONSIN.

The Report of the Deputy for this District shows that there are but four Bodies in active operation—they are located at Milwaukee, and have seventy members each; they are in a sound and prosperous condition, and have made full and satisfactory returns for the Masonic terms of their existence.

A Council of Deliberation was held at Milwaukee, in January last, which was the occasion of a thorough exemplification of the work in the several grades of Perfection.

The Council recommended the establishment of new Bodies at Portage, in which your Committee most heartily concur. Harmony exists in the District, and every prospect exists of continued prosperity throughout the jurisdiction.

ILLINOIS.

The Deputy for this District proposes to be excused from further official service, and asks that his resignation be accepted.

Your Committee are of opinion that the interests of the Rite will not permit of his retirement at the present time, identified as he has been at all times with the vitality of the Rite in this District.

All which is fraternally submitted,

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| HENRY C. BANKS, N. H. GOULD, W. A. STEVENS, THOMAS J. CARSON, WILLIAM P. PREBLE, | } | Committee. |
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That portion of the Report from the District of New York, relating to striking out the word "*affiliated*" from Article 39 of Constitutions, was referred to the Committee on Constitutions, and the remainder of the Report was adopted.

The Committee on Decease of Members made report on the decease of Ill^r. ABNER BOURNE THOMPSON, of Maine, which was,

On motion adopted,—and ordered to be spread in full upon the minutes and printed with the transactions of this Session.

(See reports of "Com. on Deceased Members.")

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was adopted:

IN SUPREME COUNCIL, Nov. 16, 1871.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the resolution relative to the Honorary Grade of the Thirty-third Degree, respectfully report the same in a new draft as follows:

Resolved, That in each and every year hereafter, each State shall be credited with the right to nominate for the Honorary Grade of the Thirty-third Degree, one candidate for every fifty Gr.^r. E.^r. P.^r. and S.^r. Masons made within its jurisdiction during the Masonic year, dating from July, 1871, and no more. But this shall not affect the number already standing on record to the credit of any State.

Resolved, That in every year when after giving the credits as provided for in the foregoing resolution, there shall remain a surplus or unappropriated fifty of the Gr.^r. E.^r. P.^r. and S.^r. Masons made in any jurisdiction, said unappropriated number, shall for the equitable adjustment of credits be added to the number of Gr.^r. E.^r. P.^r. and S.^r.

Masons made in said jurisdiction during the next succeeding year or years.

Per order of Committee,

BENJAMIN DEAN.

The Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Supreme Council Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third Degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States—Orient, Boston, Mass.:

The Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, to whom was referred the returns of the Bodies of the Rite, respectfully report:

That the whole number of Bodies Chartered is 213.

That the whole number of Bodies under Dispensation 9.

That the whole number of Bodies making returns 175, as follows:

MAINE.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members, | . | 69. |
| " Chapter Rose Croix, | " " | . | 108. |
| " Coun'. P.' of Jerusalem, | " " | . | 127. |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " | . | 132. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | | \$252.00 |

VERMONT.

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| One Lodge of Perfection, | Number of Members, | . | 17. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | | \$17.00 |

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members, | . | 143. |
| Two Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | . | 186. |
| " Coun'. P.' of Jerusalem, | " " | . | 66. |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " | . | 178. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns. | | | \$64.00 |

MASSACHUSETTS.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members, | . | 500. |
| Four Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | . | 874. |
| Five Coun'. P.' of Jerusalem, | " " | . | 400. |
| Six Lodges of Perfection, | " " | . | 675. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | | \$820.00 |

RHODE ISLAND.

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| Two Consistories, | Number of Members, | . | 126. |
| " Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | . | 132. |
| " Coun'. P.' of Jerusalem, | " " | . | 131. |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " | . | 139. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | | \$136.00 |

CONNECTICUT.

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| Two Consistories, | Number of Members, | 77. |
| " Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 76. |
| " Coun'. P'. of Jerusalem, | " " | 79. |
| Three Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 146. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | \$157.00 |

NEW YORK.

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| Six Consistories, | Number of Members, | 590. |
| Nine Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 623. |
| " Coun'. P'. of Jerusalem, | " " | 643. |
| Ten Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 842. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | \$1804.00 |

NEW JERSEY.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members, | 99. |
| Four Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 99. |
| " Coun'. P'. of Jerusalem, | " " | 101. |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 281. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | \$557.00 |

PENNSYLVANIA.

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| Four Consistories, | Number of Members, | 362. |
| " Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 368. |
| " Coun'. P'. of Jerusalem, | " " | 400. |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 455. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | \$958.00 |

OHIO.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members, | 297. |
| Two Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 808. |
| Three Coun'. P'. of Jerusalem, | " " | 366. |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 889. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | \$585.00 |

INDIANA.

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| Four Consistories, | Number of Members, | 261. |
| Three Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 219. |
| Four Coun'. P'. of Jerusalem, | " " | 320. |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 415. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | \$242.00 |

ILLINOIS.

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| Seven Consistories, | Number of Members, | 800. |
| Six Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 811. |
| " Coun'. P'. of Jerusalem, | " " | 809. |
| Seven Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 834. |
| Dues to Sup'. Council as per returns, | | \$1210.00 |

We would recommend the strict enforcement of Sec. 5, Article 26, relating to powers of Deputies, and especially Article 81 of the Constitutions of this Supreme Council.

Your Committee would further report, that their labors have been unnecessarily arduous in consequence of the imperfect manner in which many of the returns have been made; a careful inspection of the blanks is a sufficient guide for future accuracy.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER,
THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
JOHN SHEVILLE.

The Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, made a further report, the consideration of which, was on motion made the *Special Order* for Friday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS asked permission for the Committee on Constitutions, to sit during the Session, which on motion of Bro.: CARSON, of Ohio, was granted.

Bro.: THOMAS A. DOYLE, of Committee on Jurisprudence, made the following report:

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the proceedings of Cincinnati Chapter of Rose Croix, in relation to the jurisdiction of subordinate Bodies over candidates residing within their jurisdiction who desire to receive the degrees in some other Body, or without the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, make this report:

That Article 43 of the Constitution, provides for the manner in which degrees may be conferred by subordinate Bodies upon candidates not residing within their jurisdiction, but the Constitution does not provide for candidates within the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council who desire to receive their degrees under the jurisdiction of some other Supreme Council.

Your Committee therefore recommend that provision be made in the Constitution to cover such cases, and they submit herewith a proper amendment which they recommend be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

For the Committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE.

Amend Article 43 of the Constitutions by inserting after the second clause thereof the words :

" No subordinate Body or member of such Body shall recognize as a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, any person whose residence is within the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council who shall

hereafter, while so residing, receive the degrees in some other jurisdiction, without having first obtained the consent of the Bodies of the Rite having jurisdiction over him, or of the Sovereign Grand Commander of this Supreme Council, or of the Deputy of the State in which he resides."

Which report and recommendations were adopted by a *constitutional vote* of the members of the Supreme Council.

Bro.: ANTHONY E. STOCKER presented from Bros.: Charles E. Meyer, 33°, John Hanold; 33°, and Mark Richard Muckle, 32°, an original copy of the Balustre, issued by the Supreme Council, Grand East, Charleston, S. C., dated 1802, addressed to the several Masonic Bodies in the two hemispheres, with the autographs of the Grand Commander and Grand Secretary, and the seal of said Supreme Council attached.

Which was on motion of Bro.: E. T. CARSON received, and the thanks of this Supreme Council tendered to the Illustrious Brethren above named, and the Grand Secretary was directed to have the document bound and placed in the Archives; and the matter printed with the transactions—as follows:

CIRCULAR THROUGHOUT THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

**UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS GLORIA AB
INGENTIS.**

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

Ordo Ab Chao.

FROM the East of the Grand and Supreme Council of the most Puissant Sovereigns, Grand Inspectors-General, under the Celestial Canopy of the Zenith, which answers to the 32 deg. 45 min. N. L.

To our Illustrious, most Valiant and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Knights of K. H., Illustrious Princes and Knights, Grand, Ineffable and Sublime, Free and Accepted Masons of all degrees, Ancient and Modern, over the surface of the two Hemispheres.

To all those to whom these Letters shall come:

HEALTH, STABILITY AND POWER.

At a meeting of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General in Supreme Council, of the 33d degree, duly and lawfully established and congre-

gated, held at the Grand Council Chamber, on the 14th day of the 7th month, called ינואר 5563, Anno. Lucis. 5802 and of the Christian Era, the 10th day of October, 1802.

UNION, CONTENTMENT AND WISDOM.

The Grand Commander informed the Inspectors that they were convened for the purpose of taking into consideration, the propriety of addressing circular Letters to the different Symbolic Grand Lodges, and Sublime Grand Lodges and Councils throughout the two Hemispheres, explanatory of the origin and nature of the Sublime Degrees of Masonry, and their establishment in South Carolina.

When a resolution to that effect was immediately adopted, and a committee, consisting of the Illustrious Brethren, Doct. Frederick Dalcho, Doctor Isaac Auld and Emanuel De La Motta, Esqr., Grand Inspectors-General, was appointed to draft and submit such letters to the Council at their next meeting.

At a meeting of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, in Supreme Council of the 33d. &c. &c. &c. on the 10th day of the 8th month called Chisleu, 5563, A. L. 5802, and of the Christian Era, this 4th day of December, 1802.

The Committee to whom was referred the foregoing resolve, respectfully submitted to the Council the following Report :

To trace the progress of Masonry from its earlier period, and to fix precisely, the dates of the establishment of each of the degrees, is involved in much difficulty. As Symbolic Masons, we date our origin from the Creation of the World, when the Almighty Builder, the Grand Architect of the Universe, established those immutable laws, which gave rise to the Sciences. Mutual wants and necessities impelled our primordial brethren to seek for mutual assistance. Diversity of talents, genius and pursuits, rendered them, in some measure, dependent on each other, and thus, society was formed, and as a natural consequence, men of the same habits and dispositions associated more intimately together, which gave rise to institutions connected with their designs, and suited to their genius; these led to the exclusion of those whose talents, habits or circumstances, either disqualified them from participating in the knowledge of the others, or rendered them dangerous or unprofitable to the welfare of their general interests.

As civilization began to extend through the world, and the minds of men became enlarged from the contemplation of the works of nature, the arts and sciences were cultivated by the most ingenious of the people. The contemplation of the Planetary system, as the work of an Almighty Artist, and the attributes of their God, gave rise to Religion and the Science of Astronomy. The measurement of land and the division and marking of their property, gave rise to Geometry, and these, collectively to the Mystic order; and *watch words, signs and tokens* were established to designate the initiated or admitted.

It is, perhaps, impossible to fix precisely the time, when the first degrees were established in the form in which they are now given, as most of the ancient records of the craft, were lost or destroyed in England, in the wars of the Danes and Saxons. Much of the history of Masonry in the early ages, is so mixed with fable and enveloped with the rust of time, that little satisfaction can be obtained; but as we approach nearer to our own times, we have authentic records for our government.

The peculiar manner in which the three first or Blue degrees are given, as well as the matter of them, clearly evince them to be merely

symbols of superior or sublime degrees. They were formed as the test of the character and capacity of the initiated, before they should be admitted to the knowledge of the more important mysteries.

In the third degree we are informed that in consequence of the death of H. A., the Master's word was lost, and that a new one, which was not known before the building of the Temple, was substituted in its place. If Masonry, as is generally believed, and as many of our ancient records import, took its rise from the creation, and flourished in the first ages of man, they were in possession of a secret word, of which, the Masons under Solomon had no knowledge. Here then was an innovation of one of the fundamental principles of the craft, and a removal of one of the ancient Land marks; this, however, we are willing to allow. It is well known to the Blue Master, that King Solomon and his Royal visitor were in possession of the real and pristine word, but of which, he must remain ignorant, unless initiated in the sublime degrees. The authenticity of this Mystic word, as known to us, and for which our much respected Master died, is proven to the most sceptic mind from the sacred pages of holy writ, and the Jewish history from the earliest period of time. Dr. Priestly, in his letters to the Jews, has the following remarkable passage, when speaking of the miracles of Christ—"and it has since been said by your writers, that he performed his miracles by means of some ineffable name of God, which he stole out of the Temple." Notwithstanding the Symbolic Masons profess their societies to have originated in the first ages of the world, and date from the creation, yet in their degrees, nothing is taught them but occurrences which took place at the building of the first Temple, (an inconsiderable period of about seven years), 2992 years after the creation. The history of their order previously to that period, and the extensive and important improvements in the art, both before and since, they are unacquainted with.

Many of the Lectures of the Sublime degrees, contain an epitome of the arts and sciences, and in their history many valuable and important facts are recorded, obtained from authentic archives in the possession of our society, and which, from the manner of their communication can never be mutilated or corrupted. This is an object of the first magnitude in a society whose principles and practices should be invariable. Much variety and irregularity has unfortunately crept into the Blue degrees, in consequence of the want of Masonic knowledge in many of those who preside over their meetings, and it is particularly so with those, who are unacquainted with the Hebrew language, in which all the Words and Pass Words are given. So essentially necessary is it for a man of science to preside over a Lodge, that much injury may arise from the smallest deviation in the ceremony of initiation, or in the Lectures of instruction. We read in the book of Judges, that the transposition of a single point over the *Sheen*, in consequence of a national defect among the Ephraimites, designated the Cowans, and led to the slaughter of forty-two thousand. The Sublime figure of the Divinity formed in the Fellow-Crafts degree, can be elegantly illustrated, only by those who possess some knowledge of the Talmud. Most of the Words in the Sublime degrees are derived from the Chaldean, Hebrew and Latin languages.

The various translations which the Symbolic degrees have undergone since their first establishment, from one language to another, and that oftentimes, by men illiterate even in their mother tongue, is another cause of the variety which we lament. Not so the superior degrees, they appear in that Sublime dress which their founders gave them; originating in science and embellished by genius. Many of the

Sublime degrees are founded on the polite arts, and unfold a mass of information of the first importance to Masons.

Although many of the Sublime degrees are, in fact, a continuation of the Blue degrees, yet there is no interference between the two bodies. Throughout the continent of Europe, and the West Indies, where they are very generally known, they are acknowledged and encouraged. The Sublime Masons never initiate any into the Blue degrees, without a legal warrant obtained for that purpose from a Symbolic Grand Lodge; but they communicate the secrets of the Chair to such applicants, who have not already received it, previous to their initiation into the Sublime Masons, but they are, at the same time, informed, that it does not give them rank as Past Masters in the Grand Lodge.

The Sublime Grand Lodge, sometimes called the Ineffable Lodge or the Lodge of Perfection, extends from the 4th to the 14th degree inclusive, which last, is the degree of Perfection. The 18th degree is the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, who hold jurisdiction over the 15th degree, called Knights of the East, and also over the Sublime Grand Lodge, and is to them, what a Symbolic Grand Lodge is to the subordinate Lodges. Without a warrant and Constitution regularly issued by them, or by an higher Council or Inspector, they are deemed irregular and are punished accordingly. All the degrees above the 18th, are under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Grand Inspectors General, who are Sovereigns of Masonry. When it is necessary to establish the Sublime degrees, in a country where they are unknown, a Brother of the 29th degree, which is called K.H., is appointed Deputy Inspector General over the district. He selects from among the Craft such Brethren as he believes will do honor to the society, and communicates the Sublime degrees to as many as is necessary for the first organization of the Lodge, when they elect their own officers, and govern themselves by the Constitution and warrant which is furnished them. The jurisdiction of a Lodge of Perfection, is twenty-five leagues.

It is well known that about 27,000 Masons accompanied the Christian Princes in the Crusades, to recover the Holy Land from the Infidels. While in Palestine, they discovered several important Masonic manuscripts, among the descendants of the ancient Jews, which enriched our Archives with authentic written records, and on which, some of our degrees are founded.

In the years of 5304 and 5311, some very extraordinary discoveries were made, and occurrences took place, which renders the Masonic History of that period, of the highest importance. A period dear to the Mason's heart, who is zealous in the cause of his order, his Country and his God.

Another very important discovery was made in the year 5553, of a record in Syrian Characters, relating to the most remote antiquity, and from which it would appear that the world is many thousand years older than given by the Mosaic account; an opinion entertained by many of the learned. Few of these characters were translated until the reign of our Illustrious and most Enlightened Brother, Frederick 2d King of Prussia, whose well known zeal for the craft, was the cause of much improvement in the society, over which he condescended to preside.

As society improved, and as discoveries of old records were made, the number of our degrees were increased, until, in progress of time, the system became complete.

From such of our records as are authentic, we are informed of the establishment of the Sublime and Ineffable degrees of Masonry in Scotland, France and Prussia, immediately after the Crusades. But from some circumstances, which to us are unknown, after the year 4658, they fell into neglect until the year 5744, when a Nobleman from Scotland, visited France, and re-established the Lodge of Perfection in Bourdeaux.

In 5761, the Lodges and Councils for the superior degrees being extended throughout the continent of Europe, His Majesty the King of Prussia, as Grand Commander of the order of Prince of the Royal Secret was acknowledged by all the Craft as the head of the Sublime and Ineffable degrees of Masonry, throughout the two Hemispheres. His Royal Highness Charles, Hereditary Prince of the Swedes, Goths and Vandals, Duke of Sudermania, Heir of Norway, &c. &c. &c., was, and still continues the Grand Commander and protector of the Sublime Masons in Sweden; and His Royal Highness Louis of Bourbon, Prince of the Blood, Duke de Chartres, &c. &c. &c., and the Cardinal, Prince and Bishop of Rouen, were at the head of those degrees in France.

On the 25th of October, 5762, the Grand Masonic Constitutions were finally ratified in Berlin, and proclaimed for the government of all the Lodges of Sublime and Perfect Masons, Chapters, Councils, Colleges and Consistories of the Royal and Military art of Free Masonry over the surface of the two Hemispheres. There are secret Constitutions, which have existed from time immemorial, and are alluded to, in these Instruments.

In the same year the Constitutions were transmitted to our Illustrious Brother Stephen Morin, who had been appointed on the 27th of August, 5761, Inspector General over all Lodges, &c. &c. &c., in the new world, by the Grand Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret convened in Paris, at which presided the King of Prussia's deputy "Chaillon de Jonville, substitute General of the order, Right Worshipful Master of the first Lodge in France, called St. Anthony's, Chief of "the Eminent degrees, Commander and Sublime Prince of the Royal "Secret, &c. &c. &c.

The following Illustrious Brethren were also Present:—

- “The Brother Prince of Rouen, Master of the Grand Intelligence Lodge, and Sovereign Prince of Masonry, &c.
- “La Corne, substitute of the Grand Master, Right Worshipful Master of the Trinity Lodge, Grand, Elect, Perfect, Knight and Prince of Masons, &c.
- “Maximilian de St. Simon, Senior Grand Warden, Grand, Elect, Perfect, Knight and Prince of Masons, &c.
- “Savalette de Buchelay, Grand Keeper of the Seals, Grand, Elect, Perfect, Knight and Prince of Masons, &c.
- “Duke de Choiseul, Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge of the Children of Glory, Grand, Elect, Perfect, Master, Knight and Prince of Masons, &c.
- “Topin, Grand Ambassador from his Serene Highness, Grand, Elect, Perfect, Master, Knight and Prince of Masons, &c.
- “Boucher de Lenoncour, Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Virtue, Grand, Elect, Perfect, Master, Knight and Prince of Masons, &c.
- “Brest de la Chaufee, Right Worshipful Master of the Exactitude Lodge, Grand, Elect, Perfect, Master, Knight and Prince of Masons, &c. The Seals of the Order were affixed and the Patent countersigned by

"Daubertain, Grand, Elect, Perfect, Master, Knight and Prince of
 "Masons, Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge of St. Alphonso,
 "Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Sublime Council of Princes
 "of Masons, &c."

When Brother Morin arrived in St. Domingo, he, agreeably to his Patent, appointed a Deputy Inspector General for North America. This high honor was conferred on Brother M. M. Hayes, with the power of appointing others, where necessary. Brother Morin also appointed Brother Franklin, Deputy Inspector General for Jamaica and the British Leeward Islands, and Brother Colonel Provost, for the Windward Islands and the British Army.

Brother Hayes appointed Brother Isaac Da Costa, Deputy Inspector General, for the State of South Carolina, who, in the year 5783, established the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection in Charleston. After Brother Da Costa's death, Brother Joseph Myers was appointed Deputy Inspector General for this State, by Brother Hayes, who, also, had previously appointed Brother Colonel Solomon Bush, Deputy Inspector General, for the State of Pennsylvania, and Brother Barend M. Spitzer to the same rank for Georgia, which was confirmed by a convention of Inspectors when convened in Philadelphia, on the 15th of June, 5781.

On the 1st of May, 5788, the Grand Constitution of the 33d degree, called the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, was finally ratified by his Majesty the King of Prussia, who as Grand Commander of the order of Prince of the Royal Secret, possessed the Sovereign Masonic power over all the Craft. In the new Constitution this high power was conferred on a Supreme Council of nine Brethren in each Nation, who possess all the Masonic prerogatives in their own district, that his Majesty individually possessed; *and are Sovereigns of Masonry.*

On the 20th of February, 5788, the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem was opened in this City, at which were present, Brother J. Myers, D. I. G. for South-Carolina, Brother B. M. Spitzer, D. I. G. for Georgia, and Brother A. Frost, D. I. G. for Virginia. Soon after the opening of the Council, a letter was addressed to His Royal Highness the Duke of Orleans, on the subject, requesting certain records from the archives of the society in France, which, in his answer through Col. Shee, his Secretary, he very politely promised to transmit; but, which, the commencement of the French revolution, most unfortunately prevented.

On the 2d of August, 5795, Brother Colonel John Mitchell, late Deputy Quarter Master General in the Armies of the United States, was made a Deputy Inspector General for this State, by Brother Spitzer, who acted in consequence of Brother Myer's removal out of the country. Brother Mitchell was restricted from acting until after Brother Spitzer's death, which took place in the succeeding year.

As many Brethren of eminent degrees, had arrived from foreign parts, Consistories of Princes of the Royal Secret, were occasionally held, for initiations, and other purposes.

On the 31st of May, 5801, the Supreme Council of the 33d degree for the United States of America, was opened with the high honors of Masonry, by Brother John Mitchell and Frederick Dalcho, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, and in the course of the present year, the whole number of Grand Inspectors General was completed, agreeably to the Grand Constitutions.

On the 21st of January, 5802 a warrant of Constitution passed the seal of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, for the establishment of a Master Mark Masons Lodge in this City.

On the 21st of February, 5802, our Illustrious Brother, Count Alexander Francois Auguste Degrasse, Deputy Inspector General, was appointed by the Supreme Council, a Grand Inspector General, and Grand Commander of the French West-Indies; and our Illustrious Brother, Jean Baptiste Marie De La Hogue, Deputy Inspector General, was also received as an Inspector General, and appointed Lieutenant Grand Commander of the same Islands.

On the 4th of December, 5802, a warrant of Constitution passed the seal of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, for the establishment of a Sublime Grand Lodge in Savannah, Georgia.

The Names of the Masonic Degrees are as follows, viz :

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| 1st Degree called, Enter'd Apprentice. | Given in the Symbolic Lodge. |
| 2 —— Fellow Craft. | |
| 3 —— Master Mason. | |
| 4 —— Secret Master. | |
| 5 —— Perfect Master. | |
| 6 —— Intimate Secretary. | |
| 7 —— Provost and Judge. | |
| 8 —— Intendent of the Building. | |
| 9 —— Elected Knights of 9. | |
| 10 —— Illustrious Elected of 15. | |
| 11 —— Sublime Knight Elected. | |
| 12 —— Grand Master Architect. | |
| 13 —— Royal Arch. | |
| 14 —— Perfection. | |
| 15 —— Knight of the East. | Given by the Princes of Jerusalem, which is a Governing Council. |
| 16 —— Prince of Jerusalem. | |
| 17 —— Knight of the East and West. | Given by the Council of Grand Inspectors, who are Sovereigns of Masonry. |
| 18 —— Sov. Prince of Rose Croix de Heroden. | |
| 19 —— Grand Pontiff. | |
| 20 —— Grand Master of all Symbolic Lodges. | |
| 21 —— Patriarch Noachite or Chevalier Prussien. | |
| 22 —— Prince of Lebanon. | |
| 23 —— Chief of the Tabernacle. | |
| 24 —— Prince of the Tabernacle. | |
| 25 —— Prince of Mercy. | |
| 26 —— Knight of the Brazen Serpent. | |
| 27 —— Commander of the Temple. | |
| 28 —— Knight of the Sun. | |
| 29 —— K—H. | |
| 30 31 32 Prince of the Royal Secret, Princes of Masons. | |
| 33 —— Sovereign Grand Inspectors General—Officers appointed for Life. | |

Besides those degrees, which are in regular succession, most of the Inspectors are in possession of a number of detached degrees, given in different parts of the world, and which, they generally communicate, free of expense, to those Brethren, who are high enough to understand them. Such as Select Masons of 27 and the Royal Arch, as given under the Constitution of Dublin. Six degrees of Maconnerie D'Adoption, Compagnon Ecossois, Le Maitre Ecossois & Le Grand Maitre Ecossois, &c., &c., making in the aggregate 52 degrees.

The Committee respectfully submit to the consideration of the Council, the above report on the principles and establishment of the Sublime degree in South Carolina, extracted from the archives of the Society. They cannot however conclude, without expressing their ardent wishes

for the prosperity and dignity of the Institutions over which this Supreme Council preside; and they flatter themselves that if any unfavorable impressions have existed among their Brethren of the Blue degrees, from the want of a knowledge of the principles and practices, of Sublime Masonry, it will be done away, and that harmony and affection, will be the happy cement of the universal society of Free and Accepted Masons. That as all aim at the improvement of the general condition of mankind by the practice of virtue, and the exercise of benevolence, so they sincerely wish, that any little differences which may have arisen, in unimportant ceremonies of *Ancient* and *Modern*, may be reconciled, and give way to the original principles of the order, those great bulwarks of society, universal benevolence and brotherly love, and that the extensive fraternity of Free Masons throughout the two Hemispheres, may form but one band of Brotherhood. "Behold how good, and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell "together in unity."

They respectfully salute your Supreme Council, by the *Sacred Numbers*.

Charleston, South Carolina, the 10th day of the 8th Month, called Chiflen, 5563, A. L. 5802, and of the Christian *Æra*, this 4th day of December, 1802.

FREDERICK DALCHO, K. H—*P. R. S. Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d, and Lieutenant Grand Commander in the United States of America.*

ISAAC AULD, K. H—*P. R. S. Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d.*

E. DE LA MOTTA, K. H—*P. R. S. Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d, and Illustrious Treasurer General of the H. Empire.*

The above report was taken into consideration, and the Council was pleased to express the highest approbation of the same.

Whereupon Resolved, that the foregoing report be printed and transmitted to all the Sublime and Symbolic Grand Lodges, throughout the two Hemispheres.

JNO. MITCHELL, K. H—*P. R. S. Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d, and Grand Commander in the U. States of America.*

True Extract from the deliberations of the Council.

AB. ALEXANDER, K. H—*P. R. S. Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d, and Illustrious Secretary General of the H. Empire.*

[SEAL.]

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

The Grand Commander stated that the Grand Secretary General had found at an old book store in the City of New York, the original records of the Cerneau Consistory, held in that City—the records commencing, with the Eighteenth

Rendezvous, April, 1814, and extending over a period of nearly eleven years.

The Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, submitted the following Reports which were adopted:

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Gr.'. Ins.'. Gen.'. of the Thirty-third Degree, A.'. A.'. Rite:

Your Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, would respectfully recommend that Charters be granted to the following Bodies, to wit :

Delta Lodge of Perfection, at Troy, N. Y.
Chenango Valley Lodge of Perfection, . . " Norwich, N. Y.
Norwich Council Princes of Jerusalem, " Norwich, N. Y.
Norwich Chapter Rose Croix, " Norwich, N. Y.
Jersey City Council Princes of Jerusalem, " Jersey City, N. J.
Jersey City Chapter Rose Croix, " Jersey City, N. J.
Excelsior Chapter Rose Croix, " Camden, N. J.

Their returns being complete and their work in accordance with the requirements of this Supreme Council.

We would also recommend the continuance of the Dispensations granted to Shrewsbury Lodge of Perfection, at Shrewsbury, Pa., and Templar Council Princes of Jerusalem, at New York City.

Your Committee would also recommend that Dispensations be granted to the Brethren at New Brunswick, N. J., under the name and title of New Brunswick Lodge of Perfection, and to the Brethren of Portage, Wisconsin, under the name of Fort Winnebago Lodge of Perfection, Fort Winnebago Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Fort Winnebago Chapter of Rose Croix, to be located at Portage, Wisconsin.

From information in the possession of your Committee, we would recommend that the Charters of Templar Lodge of Perfection and Monitor Chapter of Rose Croix in New York City, be recalled; and new Charters, issued under the name and title of "Templar Lodge of Perfection," and "Templar Chapter of Rose Croix," at New York City.

Your Committee are of the opinion that in the A.'. A.'. Rite, names given to Subordinate Bodies are sufficiently distinctive, and that no necessity exists for giving them numbers, and would therefore report against the resolution authorizing the Deputy for the District of New York to give to each Subordinate Body in his District a distinctive number.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER,
THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
JOHN SHEVILLE.

To the Supreme Council Sov.'. Gr.'. Ins.'. General of the Thirty-third, Degree, A.'. A.'. Rite:

Your Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Commander's Address as refers to the recommendations of the Councils of Deliberation of New Jersey and Illinois, would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That New Jersey Consistory be and it hereby is authorized to meet in "Camden" and "Jersey City" alternately.

Resolved, That the names of "Waukegan Consistory," "Chapter of Rose Croix," "Council of Princes of Jerusalem" and *Lodge of Perfection*, be, and they are hereby changed to "Quincy." That the names of "De Kalb Consistory," and "Council of Princes of Jerusalem," be, and they are hereby changed to "Freeport" and that the names of "Yates City Consistory," "Chapter of Rose Croix," and "Council of Princes of Jerusalem," be, and they are hereby changed to "Peoria," and that the name of "Illinois Council of Princes of Jerusalem," be, and is hereby changed to "Chicago."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER,
THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
JOHN SHEVILLE.

On motion of Bro.'. E. T. CARSON, the Grand Keeper of the Archives, was directed to have all the manuscripts and printed documents relating to Masonry, belonging to this Supreme Council, bound in book form, and properly indexed, and deposited in the Archives.

Bro.'. DOYLE, of R. I., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the first three officers of this Supreme Council be, and are hereby appointed a Committee to procure before the next annual session of this Supreme Council, the proper Paraphernalia, etc., for conferring the Thirty-third Degree in full form.

On motion, the Committee appointed at last Session, on Ritual of the Thirty-third Degree was continued.

On motion of Bro.'. THOMAS A. DOYLE, the Committee on Diploma for the Thirty-third Grade, was also continued.

On motion of Bro.'. CHARLES W. CARTER, the hour of meeting to-morrow morning was fixed at 9 o'clock.

At the suggestion of the Grand Commander, the Supreme Council took a recess until 7:45 this P. M., to meet again for the purpose of visiting Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, as per invitation.

Pursuant to adjournment, the officers and members of the Supreme Council assembled at 7:45 P. M., and visited Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, and were received in due form.

The Degree of Perfection was conferred in a manner most perfect, and satisfactory to the Supreme Council, and all present.

FRIDAY, November 17, 1871.

The Supreme Council resumed labor at 9 o'clock A. M.—as per order.

The minutes of Thursday's transactions were read and confirmed.

Bro'. EVANS, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, as a general regulation, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the names of the candidates for the Thirty-third Grade, be handed in at one Executive Session, and balloted for at a subsequent session.

That Executive Sessions be held at the close of every General Session, immediately before calling off—except when otherwise ordered.

On suggestion of the Grand Commander, the Committee on Constitutions and Laws were requested to present an amendment to divide the Committee on "Returns, Dispensations and Charters," as the labors of that Committee were now very arduous.

The Committee on Constitutions submitted the following report:

The Committee on Constitutions on the subject of rank, report that the Schedule p. 5, Article 2d of the Constitutions, be amended as follows :

1. Most Puissant Sov.: Grand Commander.
2. Past Most Puissant Sov.: Grand Commanders.
3. P.: Grand Lieutenant Commanders.
4. Ill.: Grand Minister of State.
5. Deputies of the Supreme Council.
6. Ill.: Grand Treasurer General, H.: E.:.
7. Ill.: Grand Secretary General, H.: E.:.
8. Ill.: Grand Keeper of the Archives.
9. Ill.: Grand Master General of Ceremonies.
10. Ill.: Grand Marshal General.
11. Ill.: Grand Standard Bearer.
12. Ill.: Grand Captain of the Guard.
13. Active Members, according to the date of their Patents.
14. Emeritus Members, according to the date of their Patents.
15. Honorary Members, according to the date of their Patents.

The Committee also favor the proposition to amend Article 36, 4th paragraph, by striking out the word "on" in the second line, and insert "*at a stated meeting on or before*."

Also to amend Article 38, paragraph 3d, 5th line, after the word "held," insert "*at the stated meeting on or next preceding*."

Also Article 39, p. 21, 7th paragraph, 3d line, after the word "place," insert "*at a stated meeting on or next preceding*."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

For Committee,

JOSEPH D. EVANS.

On motion the reports were received and the amendments separately adopted by a Constitutional vote of the members of the Supreme Council.

The Committee on Rituals and Secret Work, then exemplified the Secret Work from the 4th to, and including the 32d degree, which was approved by the Supreme Council.

On motion of Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the resolution on bottom of p. 88, and top of p. 89 of printed transactions of last Session, viz: "That the Sov.: Gr.: Commander may convene the Active, Emeritus and Honorary Members of this Supreme Council in any State, or by a commission, authorize the Deputy of any State to convene such members in his State, and, in their presence, he, or such Deputy so authorized, may confer, in due form, the Thirty-third Degree, upon such Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret as, at the close of this Annual Session of the Supreme Council, may be entitled thereto: *Provided*, that said degree shall not be conferred unless three Active Members are present."

"When the Sov'. Gr'. Commander shall issue his commission to a Deputy, he may prescribe such regulations as shall seem necessary, which the Deputy shall punctually observe; and, in all cases, due return shall be made to the Gr'. Sec'. General, H'. E', who shall cause the same to be recorded, and make a report thereof at the next Annual Session of the Supreme Council,"—be continued in force for one year only—and shall not be continued in force after the next Session of this Supreme Council.

On motion of Bro'. ALBERT G. GOODALL, Bro'. GRAHAM, of N. Y., was excused for non-attendance at this Session, on account of sickness in his family.

The special order for this hour (10 o'clock) being the consideration of a report from Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters; the subject was called up and the following report read:

Your Committee on Returns, Dispensations and Charters, would further report:

That Duplicate Charters be granted free of charge to the Bodies of the A'. A'. Rite in Chicago, Illinois, in place of those destroyed in the great fire of October, 1871.

And in accordance with an application made to the Supreme Council by Occidental Consistory, Chicago, as presented through its Commander-in-Chief, Ill'. Henry C. Ranney, 33°, for a change of the name of Occidental Consistory, to "*Oriental Consistory*."

Your Committee recommend that the name of "*Oriental*" be indorsed upon the new Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER,
THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
JOHN SHEVILLE.

The subject was freely debated, and the report and recommendations were adopted.

Bro'. ROBERT H. Foss, protested against the action changing the name of Occidental Consistory, and the Supreme Council granted permission to Bro'. Foss, to enter his written protest during the recess.

Brothers ALDEN, of Wis., STOCKER, of Pa., EVANS, of N. Y., STEVENS and Foss, of Illinois, were on motion excused from further attendance, after the morning session.

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws, to which was referred the resolution asking that Cosmopolitan Consistory, of New York City, and Aurora Grata Consistory, of Brooklyn, be empowered to meet in either city as each Consistory may from time to time determine, report: that we deem such a privilege of questionable utility, and particularly so in the absence of an official application from either Body for such a radical change. Indeed, under the circumstances it would seem premature, on the part of the Council to anticipate any action of the sort and certainly unsafe in establishing a precedent of this character. Upon the mutual prayer of these two Bodies, it would not only be the duty of the Council to investigate, and if needs be, grant the request, but there would be a manifest propriety in so doing. But in this instance it would in a measure embarrass the one or the other Consistory, and possibly be the means of exciting undue strife and contention where peace and harmony now exist. There may be some advantage in seeking material to work upon from the prolific fields of New York City, by Brooklyn; but we perceive no essential benefit to result to New York by crossing the river for that purpose.

We therefore report adversely upon the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. EVANS,
for Committee.

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws, further reported, as follows:

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws, to whom was referred a proposed amendment of the Constitutions, to change so much as relates to conferring the Thirty-third Degree on Honorary Members in the Supreme Council, report: That it is inexpedient to change.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. EVANS,
for Committee.

Which was on motion adopted.

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the proposed amendment adopted by a constitutional vote:

In regard to the proposition coming from the Committee on Council of Deliberations and Reports of Deputies, "to fix the officer to preside in case of the absence of the District Deputy at the meetings of the Council of Deliberations." The Committee suggest the following amendment to Article 34, and of 9th line :

"If the Deputy of the Supreme Council should fail to be present at any District meeting, the Ill'. First Lieut'. Commander, or in his absence the Ill'. Second Lieut'. Commander shall preside, provided an Active Member of the Supreme Council be present, in which case the officer presiding shall forthwith after the close of such meeting transmit to the Ill'. Deputy of the State a full report of all the proceedings of such meeting."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. EVANS,
for Committee.

Bro.'. ALBERT G. GOODALL, presented the following preamble and resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has been brought to our knowledge that the members of the Supreme Council, 33°, for England, Wales, and Dependencies of the British Crown, design visiting, during the Summer of 1872, their subordinates in British North America, therefore :

Resolved, That in case those Illustrious Brethren should pass through this jurisdiction, the Sov.'. Grand Commander be authorized to extend to them the courtesies and hospitality due their distinguished Masonic character and position; and for that purpose, he be requested to summon at the proper time, a special meeting of so many of the members of the Supreme Council as he shall deem expedient to carry out this design.

On motion of Bro.'. BENJAMIN DEAN, Bro.'. WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, of Mass., was granted permission to renew his O.'. of F.'. to this Supreme Council, and the Deputy of Mass., was authorized to administer the same.

Bro.'. CHARLES L. WOODBURY, of Special Committee on the Special Report of the Grand Commander, relating to Charges against an Active Member of this Supreme Council, read the following report:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Special Report of the Sov.'. Grand Commander, relating to the trial of members of the Supreme Council, and the accompanying papers, report :

That in their opinion the right of an Active Member of this Supreme Council to be tried by his Peers only, and to be confronted with the witnesses against him, and to have such witnesses personally considered by the Supreme Council, is of great importance. Depositions that are taken with the consent of both the defendant and the prosecutor are usually, and ought to be, admitted in evidence in such a trial.

It does, however, seem of a doubtful propriety to go further than this in a course which certainly deprives the Supreme Council of the valuable power of judging for themselves by the manner, appearance,

hesitation, passion or flippancy of the witness, what degree of credit should be placed upon his statements, and what apparent bias or prejudice he may exhibit, which goes to the extent of his credibility.

The experience of mankind has taught them to closely observe a person speaking, and to rely on many minute points of manner and tone, to qualify or ascertain the real intention and force of the words of the witness. No good reason for discarding the habit of observation can be advanced. It is true that where both parties are contented to waive this, and admit the deposition to be taken, they should be bound by that consent; and hence we are of opinion that depositions of witnesses taken by consent of both parties, can properly be used on a trial.

The second inquiry submitted by the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander, is how shall the depositions be taken? We reply: 1. That where the parties agree on a magistrate, that should be satisfactory. 2. That a commission to a proper and impartial Commissioner, may with propriety be issued by the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander, in cases where it is proper that one should issue.

We do not agree that depositions taken without the consent of the defendant, are admissible at a trial unless taken by order of the Supreme Council itself in the case.

In a Special Report of the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander, the want of rules for the trial of a member of the Supreme Council is alluded to.

Your Committee report that the Senate of the United States and they believe the House of Lords, make the rules for an Impeachment, after the case is before them; there are many reasons for thinking this preferable, to the effort to make a general law; experience shows every case has special points requiring some modifications of general rules; and it has not been thought wise by those Bodies to permit a mass of technical rules to stand on their Statute books, partly unapplicable, and only useful as affording hiding holes, and technical points behind which acute and skillful counsel may conduct a war of strategy, and evade the consideration of the merits of the case.

Accompanying the Special Report of the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander were some papers, among which were a set of charges preferred against a member of this Council by two Brethren not members of this Council. We have considered those papers in relation to the foregoing subject.

Charges may be serious and grave, involving the utmost urgency to the good of our Order, they may be of mere misdemeanors, of a character, deserving if true, no more than censure; or they may be absolutely frivolous or immaterial in their character. It does seem to us that some discrimination is necessary as to the action proper on the presentation of charges. In the Army and Navy that discrimination is always exercised by the Heads of Departments, before they order a court-martial. The Supreme Council can do so, and ought to in cases brought before them.

The Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander would like to ascertain his exact powers on the subject. It appears to us that the usages of military service, are those most analogous to this subject; and that the ordinary rules of criminal proceedings in common law courts are not the true rule of proceeding. Action should be discretionary, not compulsory on the part of the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander.

Your Committee are impressed that so important a subject, requiring so much careful investigation of the principles of various Codes of Law, Masonic, as well as Military and Civil, ought not to be hastily acted upon. They recommend that so much of this subject be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report next year on these matters.

Accompanying the Special Report of the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander were the papers and proceedings relating to the charges preferred against an Active Member of this Council by two Honorary Thirty-thirds. Your Committee have examined the papers; they find, that on the receipt of the charges, the Sov.'. Gr.'. Com.'. gave notice thereof to the members in question, and issued a Commission to take testimony addressed to an Active Member of the Supreme Council, and gave notice thereof to the parties. They further find, that the Commissioner accepted the trust, and gave immediate notice to the several parties, of his readiness to take testimony. They further find that the member accused appeared before the Commissioner, expressed his willingness to go on with the taking of the testimony as the Commissioner should direct, and made no exception to the mode of proceeding directed by the Sov.'. Gr.'. Com.'. nor to the fairness of the Commissioner. They further report that from the receipt of the Commission on the 4th of June, 1871, until the next meeting of this Grand Body, no witness was brought before him for examination. It further appears from other papers that on or about October 28d, one of the Brethren signing the charges abandoned their prosecution, asking the other to proceed for both of them. On October 30th the remaining prosecutor withdrew his name from the charges, stating as a reason therefor, "that he had not been able to procure the co-operation of the other Brother who had originally signed the charges with him," avowing however, his readiness to appear as a witness when called on to do so.

In this condition of the record submitted with the Special Report, the charges seem to have been allowed to subside, by those who instituted them; and your Committee have not thought that the terms of the resolution under which they were appointed, required them to assume the initiative and make any inquiries into the truth of the allegations in the charges—they therefore ask to be discharged.

CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
A. G. GOODALL,
ORRIN WELCH.

On motion the report was adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Councils of Deliberations and Reports of Deputies, made the following report:

That the report of Bro'. LAWRENCE, Deputy for Massachusetts, presents no subject seeming to require special legislation.

Harmony and prosperity continues in the entire District, and the future is pregnant with abundant harvest.

The Deputy refers to certain obsolete Seals deposited by him with the Grand Keeper of the Archives, and recommends their destruction, and a disposition of the presses.

He also desires that provisions be made for the future delivery of Certificates of Membership in a Tuck form. Your Committee concur therein, and submit for adoption the following resolutions:

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. BANKS,
NATHAN H. GOULD,
THOMAS J. CORSON,
WILLIAM P. PREBLE,
WALTER A. STEVENS.

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of the Archives be instructed to destroy the dies of the obsolete Seals in his possession, and be authorized to give the presses to any of the Bodies desiring them.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to make the provisions requisite for the future delivery of the Certificates of Membership in a Tuck form.

On motion the report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Regalia made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Regalia submit the following regulation for Jewel of Honorary Members:

That the proper design for a Jewel for an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council be the same as the one for Active Member, except it shall not have the serpent encircled around it, and shall have the motto "*Deus Meumque Jus*," instead of "*Ordo ab Chao*," and be suspended by a *White* instead of a *Purple* ribbon.

For Committee,

ENOCH T. CARSON.

Committee on Constitutions and Laws reported progress in relation to rights of Honorary Members, etc., and

asked permission to report at next annual session—which was granted.

Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS offered the following preambles and resolution—which were adopted :

Whereas, An invitation was cordially extended by the Bodies of the Rite in the City of Chicago to hold the next meeting of the Supreme Council in that City, prior to their great calamity ; and

Whereas, They have since that deplorable event generously declined to withdraw their request ; but feeling that it would be improper under the circumstances for this Supreme Council to avail themselves of their liberal and warm hearted hospitality; therefore

Resolved, That the meeting of the Supreme Council for 1872, be held in the City of New York.

The Grand Secretary General called attention of the Supreme Council to the action had at yesterday's session, in relation to the communication from the parties in New York, asking payment for Rituals, etc., which had been acted upon and disposed of at last session, and moved that the action to lay the subject on the table, be reconsidered.

The motion was carried, and the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic matter.

The Supreme Council then took a recess until one o'clock, P. M.

NOVEMBER 17, 1871.

The Supreme Council resumed labor at one o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws, reported the following amendment :

Your Committee on Constitutions and Laws report and recommend, to amend Article 44, so that there shall be a Committee on Returns, consisting of "Three," and a Committee on Dispensations and Charters, consisting of "Three," following in order of number after the figure 8.

For Committee,

JOSEPH D. EVANS.

The report and amendment was adopted by a *constitutional vote* of the members of the Supreme Council.

The Committee on Foreign Relations submitted the following report and resolutions, which were adopted :

The Committee on Foreign Relations ask leave to report the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Supreme Council, 33°, of Chile, established July 8th, 1871, with its Grand East in the City of Valparaiso, by authority from the Supreme Council, 33°, of England and Wales, and Dependencies of the British Crown, is hereby recognized as the only regular Masonic authority of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Republic of Chile; and is hereby invited to enter into relation of amity, and exchange representatives with this Supreme Council.

Resolved, That the Grand Commander be authorized to recognize the Supreme Council, 33°, and Grand Orient of Central America, having its Grand East at San Jose, Costa Rica, established by authority from the Supreme Council, 33°, of New Granada, New Colombia, when satisfactory information is received from said Supreme Council of Central America that it has been legally established; and that it conform to the laws and regulations governing the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Resolved. That the information received since opening of the present session, from one of the Grand Bodies in Italy, makes further investigation necessary, and that it is deemed inexpedient to recognize either of the Grand Bodies in Italy for the present.

Resolved, That as evidence has been received tending to show that the Balustre of the Southern Supreme Council, in relation to matters in New Granada, submitted by the Grand Commander in his address, is founded upon erroneous information, the subject be referred to the Grand Commander for further investigation.

The Committee on Finance rendered the following report :

MASONIC TEMPLE, Boston, Mass., }
Nov 17th, 1871. }

To the Supreme Council of Sov'. Gr'. Inspectors-General, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

The Committee on Finance have examined the account of the Ill'. Gr'. Treasurer-Gen'., compared the same with the vouchers, which have been duly approved, and found it correct.

A synopsis of this account is as follows :

RECEIPTS.

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| 1870. | | |
| June 13. | Balance on hand (Proceedings of 1870, p. 99)..... | \$2,254 81 |
| " 17. | Cash from Grand Secretary General,..... | 6,269 46 |
| " 18. | " " " " " | 2,050 00 |
| Aug. 4. | Dividend of 4 per cent. on 30 shares of Lake Shore Railroad..... | 120 00 |
| Sept. 29. | Cash from Gr'. Secretary Gen',, per E. T. Carson, | 600 00 |
| Oct. 10. | " " " " " N. H. Gould, | 100 00 |
| " 27. | " " " " " | 918 00 |

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| 1871. | | | |
| Feb. 4. | Dividend of 4 per cent. on 30 shares of Lake Shore Railroad | \$ 120 00 | |
| May 20. | Cash from Gr'. Secretary Gen'., | 1,620 88 | |
| " " | " " " " " | 278 67 | |
| July 29. | " " " " " | 75 00 | |
| " " | " " " " " per V. L. Hurlbut | 300 00 | |
| Aug. 4. | Dividend 4 per cent. on 30 shares of Lake Shore Railroad | 120 00 | |
| " 7. | Cash from Gr'. Secretary General. | 208 00 | |
| " 17. | " " " " " | 348 00 | |
| Oct. 9. | " " Sale of 30 shares of Lake Shore Railroad | 3,205 17 | |
| Nov. 9. | " " Gr'. Secretary General. | 4,222 70 | |
| | | | \$22,804 64 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| 1870. | | | |
| June 18. | Cash paid members for mileage and per diem..... | \$2,245 08 | |
| " 19. | " " Albert Pike, M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'., S'. M'. J'., for funeral expenses of Ill'. W. S. Carrick..... | 183 50 | |
| " " " | Cosmopolitan Consistory of New York, for expenses attending the Lodge of Sorrow, held in memory of Past M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'., Simon W. Robinson | 150 00 | |
| " " " | Cosmopolitan Consistory as per appro- priation (Proceedings of 1868, p. 45) | 100 00 | |
| " " " | Josiah H. Drummond, for postage, ex- pressage, etc. | 35 50 | |
| " " " | Enoch T. Carson, Deputy, for postage, expressage, etc | 6 50 | |
| " " " | Orrin Welch, Deputy, for postage, ex- pressage, etc., for three years | 15 00 | |
| " " " | D. Burnham Tracy, Deputy, for post- age, expressage, etc | 18 00 | |
| " " " | Daniel Sickels, Sec'. , for postage, ex- pressage, etc..... | 11 85 | |
| " " " | Masonic Publishing Co., for Rituals, Diplomas, etc..... | 386 99 | |
| " " " | Gibulem Lodge, for services of Gr'. Sentinel..... | 25 00 | |
| " " " | Gibulem Lodge, for services of clean- ing apartments..... | 20 00 | |
| " " " | Gibulem Lodge, for services of Janitor | 30 00 | |
| " " " | American Bank Note Co., for printing 2,000 certificates..... | 164 00 | |

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| 1870. | | | |
| June 19. | Cash paid Albert P. Moriarty, for services as Assistant to the Ill.: Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:, for the term ending June 15th, 1870, | \$ 750 00 | |
| " " | " Killian H. Van Rensselaer, for Register of Members of the Rite..... | 100 00 | |
| July 6. | " For 30 shares of Lake Shore Railroad, | 3,056 75 | |
| " 21. | " A. C. Joslin & Co., for use of apartments as headquarters at Cincinnati, O..... | 72 00 | |
| " 26. | " Edward Williams & Co., on account of 53 jewels for active members.. | 1,000 00 | |
| Sep. 27. | " Edward Williams & Co., on account of 53 jewels for active members. . . . | 1,800 00 | |
| " 29. | " Enoch T. Carson, as per appropriation (Proceedings of 1870, p. 100) | 100 00 | |
| " " | " P. B. Hayward, for expenses of District Convention at Cincinnati, O | 17 80 | |
| Oct. 27. | " Masonic Publishing Co., for printing ordinances, constitutions, etc..... | 358 23 | |
| " 31. | " Daniel Sickels, on account of salary of Assistant.. | 300 00 | |
| Nov. 1. | " Edward Williams & Co., balance for 52 jewels for active members, and for 10 triangles for officers,..... | 264 93 | |
| " 5. | " Estate of J. J. J. Gourgas, for historical manuscripts..... | 200 00 | |
| 1871. | | | |
| Feb. 13. | Cash paid E. Williams & Co., for 18 triangles for Deputies..... | 180 00 | |
| May 12. | " E. Williams & Co., for 2 jewels for active members, etc..... | 208 80 | |
| " " | " E. Williams & Co., for 1 active member's jewel, now in the hands of the Finance Committee..... | 75 00 | |
| " 29. | " Masonic Publishing Co., for printing Proceedings of 1870, Tableaux, etc.. | 1,620 33 | |
| June 1. | " Albert P. Moriarty, on account of salary as Assistant..... | 200 00 | |
| Oct. 30. | " E. Williams & Co., for 6 jewels for Foreign Grand Representatives ... | 232 20 | |
| Nov. 9. | " Expressage on one package from New York | 7 10 | |
| | Total expended..... | \$13,879 56 | |

Of which \$3,056.75 were expended in the purchase of 30 shares of Lake Shore Railroad, which after the receipt of three dividends of

\$120 each, were sold for \$8,205.17, gaining a profit of \$148.42, which with \$360, the amount of the dividends, makes a total profit of \$508.42 for the Supreme Council.

1871.

Nov. 14. Balance on hand..... \$8,925 08

The Ill'. Gr'. Secretary Gen'. reports that since the last report of the Committee on Finance, made June 16, 1870, he has received to Nov. 7th, 1871, moneys as follows:

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| Fees for the Thirty-third Degree..... | \$ 4,500 00 |
| Dues of Subordinate Bodies..... | 5,158 00 |
| For Diplomas | 749 00 |
| " Rituals..... | 158 00 |
| " Dispensations..... | 150 00 |
| " Postage stamps..... | 70 |
| Total | \$10,715 70 |

All of which has been paid to the Ill'. Gr'. Treasurer Gen'. Your Committee, however, have not yet finished the examination of the account to Nov. 7th, and the Ill'. Gr'. Secretary Gen'. has received the returns of some of the Subordinate Bodies so late, that he has had no opportunity to present to the Committee a full statement of his receipts, since the 7th of Nov.; consequently your Committee request further time be granted them to complete the thorough examination of his account, and ascertain the amount still due from Subordinate Bodies.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the payment of the following claims:

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| Kennard & Hay, for printing returns, diplomas, etc..... | \$235 26 |
| Daniel Sickels, for expressage, translation of foreign documents, etc..... | 132 84 |
| Daniel Sickels, for translation of Spanish and Portuguese documents..... | 50 00 |
| Frederick A. Pierce, for services as Gr'. Senechal, at Session of November, 1871..... | 20 00 |
| Frank E. Jones, for cleaning apartments..... | 20 00 |
| Otis Cole, Ill'. Marshal of the Camp, for mileage..... | 34 32 |
| D. Burnham Tracy, Deputy, for expenses of District Convention, expressage, postage, etc..... | 34 44 |
| Orrin Welch, Deputy, for expressage, postage, etc..... | 15 00 |
| John Caven, " " " " " | 12 57 |
| Enoch T. Carson, Deputy, for expressage, postage, etc..... | 6 00 |
| Josiah H. Drummond, for expressage, postage, etc..... | 15 00 |
| Total..... | \$575 48 |

That portion of the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander's address referring to the acquisition of the Gourgas manuscripts has been duly considered by the Committee, who highly approve of his doings in the premises as wise and expedient, and recommend that his action be approved by the Supreme Council. and that a further appropriation of ten dollars be made, to cover the expenses incurred in negotiating for the purchase of said documents.

The propriety of paying for the printed and manuscript rituals to be returned by the subordinate bodies, having been referred to this Committee, they would respectfully report: That they find that even a partial re-imbursement of moneys expended for the rituals would necessitate an excessive draft upon the treasury of the Supreme Council; they therefore recommend, that no further action be taken upon the subject.

The proposition to reduce the fees for diplomas, referred to the Committee on Finance has been duly investigated, and they find that the present cost of diplomas will not warrant a reduction in the price at present charged.

In lieu of the resolve, submitted to your Committee, authorizing a loan of twenty patents to each Deputy, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved. That the Gr.'. Secretary General be instructed and authorized to furnish the Deputies of the Supreme Council with as many diplomas as they may require, for which they shall remit in full at the close of each Masonic term.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made to reimburse the Inspectors-General who expended that amount in the adjustment of a claim upon the Supreme Council incurred by one of its former members.

Resolved, That hereafter the sum of twenty dollars per annum, be paid to each of the Deputies of the Supreme Council, in full liquidation of the expenses incurred in behalf of the Rite.

Resolved, That the Gr.'. Treasurer Gen.'. be authorized to pay, in quarterly payments of two hundred and fifty dollars each, the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, dating from July 15th, 1871, as a salary to any Ill.'. Brother whom the Gr.'. Secretary Gen.'. may select to serve him, as an assistant, in the performance of his official duties.

Resolved, That the Gr.'. Treasurer Gen.'. be and is hereby instructed, to invest from time to time such sums of money, as the Committee on Finance shall deem expedient, in any safe securities by him approved; and hold them subject to the order of the Supreme Council.

Resolved, That electrotypes of the jewels of Active, Emeritus and Honorary Members, and of Grand Representatives of the Supreme Council be published with the Proceedings of this year, and that the Committee on Finance be authorized to procure the requisite electrotypes, with full powers to make such changes in the jewels as they shall find expedient.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Supreme Council be tendered to the Board of Directors of the M.'. W.'. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for the use of apartments in the Masonic Temple, the present session.

The Committee on Finance, without any intention of trespassing upon the prerogatives of the Committee on Regalia, would, however, in pursuance of the spirit of the instructions given them at the last session of the Council, recommend that a committee of three be appointed, with full authority to procure and deliver to each of the three Emeritus Members of the Supreme Council, who have none, a jewel similar to the one worn by the Active Members, to be suspended by a scarlet ribbon; and that the same committee be instructed and empowered to procure and present to Ill.'. Vincent L. Hurlbut, an Active Member's jewel to replace the one destroyed by the late conflagration at Chicago.

The Committee on Finance, in full harmony with the Committee on Councils of Deliberation in their expressions of sympathy with our Chicago Brethren in their great distress occasioned by the recent fearful conflagration, heartily recommend, that the Gr.'. Treasurer Gen.'. be authorized and instructed to pay to Ill.'. Vincent L. Hurlbut, Deputy for Illinois, the sum of thirteen hundred dollars, for the benefit of the Chicago Bodies, to be by him divided between them in the following manner, to wit: Three hundred dollars to Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection; three hundred dollars to Chicago Council of Princes of Jerusalem; two hundred dollars to Gourgas Chapter of Rose Croix, and five hundred dollars to Oriental Consistory; and that the dues of Chicago Consistory for the term ending July 1st, 1871, amounting to one hundred and ten dollars be remitted.

Your Committee would again direct attention to the suggestion they made last year, that the requisite steps be taken to have the Supreme Council duly incorporated by the Legislature of Massachusetts, with a view to the election of a Board of Trustees, in whose custody the surplus funds of the Supreme Council may be intrusted, for safe and profitable investment.

Your Committee would report that they have prepared a pay-roll, in accordance with the resolution adopted June 18, 1869, amounting to \$2,000.50, which they have delivered to the Ill.'. Gr.'. Treasurer Gen.', who will be happy to greet the Ill.'. Brethren before their departure.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
R. W. LANDON,
Committee on Finance.

The Committee asked for further time to perfect their report, which request was granted; and the report, as above submitted, with the resolutions and recommendations, were separately discussed and adopted.

(*For further report, see Appendix.*)

Bro.: LEWIS of New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to ascertain the amount of expenditures for refreshments at the present session, with instructions to report a resolution to pay the same; also the bills for gas and other expenses.

Bro.: BENJAMIN DEAN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to report at the next annual session, some plan, by the annual setting apart of a portion of the income of this Supreme Council or otherwise; for the establishment of a permanent fund for this Supreme Council.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Bro.: D. BURNHAM TRACY, permission was granted to Bro.: WILLIAM P. INNES, of Michigan, to renew his O.: of F.: to this Supreme Council, and the Ill.: Deputy of Michigan was authorized to administer the same.

Bro.: DOYLE, of Rhode Island, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Supreme Council proceed to elect five Trustees, with such powers and duties as may hereafter be conferred upon them, with a view that they may become incorporated by the Legislature of Massachusetts, with the powers and privileges of corporations over the moneys and properties of this Supreme Council, to be held in trust by such Trustees for it; and to take the requisite measures and obtain such an act of incorporation as they may deem expedient.

Brothers LEWIS, of New York, DOYLE, of Rhode Island, and ELY, of Ohio, were appointed a Special Committee to nominate Trustees, in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

Bro.: THOMAS A. DOYLE offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Commander and the Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed to furnish, at each session of the Supreme Council, proper collations for the members in attendance.

On motion of Bro.: GOULD, of Rhode Island, committees not reporting at this session, were continued, with instructions to report at next annual session.

The Special Committee, appointed to nominate suitable candidates for Trustees, made the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of nominating suitable candidates for Trustees of this Supreme Council, would respectfully recommend the following named Illustrious Brethren for that important position. viz.:

WILLIAM S. GARDNER, of Massachusetts.
CHARLES L. WOODBURY, of Massachusetts.
CHARLES W. MOORE, of Massachusetts.
NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, of Massachusetts.
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. LEWIS,
THOMAS A. DOYLE,
HEMAN ELY,
Committee.

The report and recommendation was unanimously adopted, and the above named Illustrious Brethren declared the Trustees of this Supreme Council.

On motion of Bro.: ENOCH T. CARSON, it was ordered, that the transactions of this session be printed under the supervision of the Sov.: Grand Commander.

On motion of Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS, the Committee on Finance were directed to report to the Grand Commander within thirty days.

On motion of Bro.: CHARLES L. WOODBURY, Article 46 of Constitutions was continued for another year.

Bro.: WOODBURY, of Massachusetts, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That the Committee on Constitutions and Laws inquire into, and change the dates and names of the feasts set out in the article on annual celebrations in Lodges of Perfection, if they are found incorrect, without further authority.

Bro.: GARDNER, of Massachusetts, suggested the propriety of altering the time of meeting of this Supreme Council.

Bro.: CHARLES L. WOODBURY offered motion to amend Article 16, of Constitution, by striking out the last line of Paragraph 2, and adding after the word "November," "*unless otherwise ordered at an Annual Session.*"

The amendment was adopted by a constitutional vote of the members of the Supreme Council.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Supreme Council hold its next Annual Session in the City of New York, on the third Tuesday of September, 1872.

Bro.: WILLIAM S. GARDNER offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in case of contagion or pestilence, or other controlling cause, affecting the place designated for the Annual Meeting, the Grand Commander shall have authority to summon the Supreme Council to meet at such other place in the jurisdiction, as he may designate and direct.

On motion of Bro.: HENRY C. BANKS, it was

Resolved, That all secular business except receiving reports of Committees, be closed on taking up the Special Order.

The following Ill.: Princes were introduced, and the Thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon them in due form, and they were duly received and acknowledged as Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third Degree, and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. :

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| Frank Albert McKean, | . | of Nashua, N. H., |
| Henry Holden Dickey, | . | " Lewiston, Me., |
| Charles Bechtell, | . | " Trenton, N. J., |
| Marcus Higginbotham, | . | " Jersey City, N. J., |
| John Durham Williams, | . | " Elmira, N. Y., |
| Nathan Adolphus Baldwin, | . | " Milford, Conn., |
| Sereno Dwight Nickerson, | . | " Boston, Mass., |
| Percival Lowell Everett, | . | " " " |
| James Augustus Fox, | . | " " " |

The reading of the minutes of this day's session was dispensed with, and the entire supervision of the same referred to the Grand Commander.

The M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander then announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

On the General State of the Rite,

Ill.: JOSEPH D. EVANS,
“ CHARLES W. MOORE,
“ THOMAS A. DOYLE.

On Rituals and Ritualistic Matter,

Ill.: ENOCH T. CARSON,
“ VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
“ ALVIN B. ALDEN,
“ CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ D. BURNHAM TRACY,
“ ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON,
“ WILLIAM R. HIGBY,
“ H. STANLEY GOODWIN,
“ ORRIN WELCH.

On Constitutions and Laws,

Ill.: JOSEPH D. EVANS,
“ JOHN L. LEWIS,
“ CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
“ CLINTON F. PAIGE,
“ HENRY L PALMER,
“ WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
“ JOHN CAVEN,
“ THOMAS J. CORSON,
“ ROBERT R. FOSS,
“ ABRAHAM T. METCALF.

On Finance,

Ill.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
“ ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM,
“ RUFUS W. LANDON.



On Jurisprudence,

- Ill.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
“ HOSMER A. JOHNSON,
“ WILLIAM BARRETT,
“ BENJAMIN DEAN,
“ JOHN W. SIMONS.

On Foreign Relations,

- Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
“ WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
“ ALBERT G. GOODALL.

On Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies

- Ill.: HENRY C. BANKS,
“ THOMAS A. DOYLE,
“ THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
“ WALTER A. STEVENS,
“ H. STANLEY GOODWIN.

On Decease of Members,

- Ill.: FRANCIS A. BLADES,
“ WINSLOW LEWIS,
“ J. CLARKE HAGEY.

On Returns,

- Ill.: DANIEL SICKLES,
“ ANTHONY E. STOCKER,
“ JOHN SHEVILLE.

On Dispensations and Charters,

- Ill.: CHARLES W. CARTER,
“ WILLIAM P. PREBLE,
“ AARON KING.

On Unfinished Business,

- Ill.: NATHAN H. GOULD,
“ RICHARD M. BARKER,
“ GEORGE W. BENTLEY.

The Throne of Grace was then addressed by the Rev. and Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES H. TITUS, and this Annual Session of the Supreme Council was closed in due form, with the S.: N.:, to assemble again in Annual Session in the City of New York, on the 14th day of the Hebrew month תְּלוּן, A.: M.:, 5633, answering to Tuesday, the 17th day of September, 1872, V.: E.:.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33° , Sov.: Gr.: Com.:.

DANIEL SICKELS, 33° , G.: S.: G.:, H.: E.:.

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REPORT OF Committee on Deceased Members.

To the Supreme Council:

The Committee to which was referred so much of the address of the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander, as related to the decease of Ill.'. Brethren, beg leave to report :

It is a sad reflection, that in the midst of the successes and triumphant onward march of the Rite, it must pause to weave the chaplet of mourning over the lamented and honored dead.

The grim and remorseless tyrant, death, has been busy with his scythe, and has cut down alike, the gray-haired veteran and him who was in manhood's prime.

It is, indeed, a melancholy pleasure, to recall and record the worth and virtues of such a man as Ill.'. Bro.'. THOMPSON, Deputy for the State of Maine.

Before this we have mourned for Brothers and friends—loved, honored and prized. To-day, we mourn for a Father; for a Father whose counsel we prized; whose integrity we trusted, whose life was a grand commentary upon fidelity to principle.

On the fourth day of August, 1871, Ill.'. Bro.'. ABNER BOURNE THOMPSON, Deputy for the State of Maine, closed his eyes upon the scenes of earth, and entered upon that journey from which no traveler returns.

Bro.'. THOMPSON was born at Middleborough, Plymouth County, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the 23d day of September, A. D. 1797.

He was made a Mason in United Lodge, in Brunswick, Maine, in 1823.

It is not definitely known, when he received his First Degrees in the A.'. & A.'. Rite; but he received the Degree of Rose Croix and the Consistory Degrees, in the Grand Consistory appended to the Supreme Council in April, 1852.

From the hour of Bro.'. THOMPSON's acquaintance with Masonry, he became an earnest worker in, and a zealous defender of the institution.

In the York Rite, he filled all the offices of the Order, from a Junior Warden to Grand Master, and Grand Commander K.'. T.'., with credit to himself and profit to his Brethren.

In the A.'. & A.'. Rite, Bro.'. THOMPSON was elected to the 33d grade in 1861, and made an active member for his State. In 1864 he was elected Treasurer of the Supreme Council, and held the office until 1867, when he was elected Deputy for Maine, holding that office at the time of his death.

To all these places and trusts, our Ill.'. Brother brought the qualities of a well balanced and a well disciplined mind, and discharged the duties of the several offices with a brave fidelity to the trusts committed to his care. Indeed, this seems to have been with him the leading thought of life—fidelity to the trusts committed to his care—or the responsibilities assumed in his relations to others.

Naturally slow in his processes of investigation, he went carefully over the ground, weighing and balancing well the bearings of the questions he had in hand.

When he reached a conclusion, to him it was ultimate, and he seldom reviewed it. His convictions and conclusions were his own; from these he acted.

This made him strong when others were weak; firm when others hesitated, for "he walked by faith, not by sight."

Hence, when the wave of anti-Masonic fanaticism swept the country, carrying out of sight multitudes of men called Masons. ABNER BOURNE THOMPSON was as much of a Mason, and as faithful to his duties and his trusts as in subsequent years, when he saw the sun of prosperity rise upon the institution that he loved and prized as his life.

For a more full and detailed account of his public service and private virtues, we beg to refer to the eulogy pronounced by the Sov.'. Gr.'. Com.'. in the Council of Deliberation for the State of Maine, and found in the reported proceedings of the Rite for that State.

Thus, Brothers, another link is broken—another Brother is gone—and as one by one they gather on the other shore we, too, are admonished—"Be ye, also, ready."

Ill.'. Bros.'. FRENCH, HILLYER and WORSHAM; of the Southern Sup.'. Council, have also fallen, and thrice has the Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander of our Sister, nay, rather our Mother Jurisdiction of the South, in sad, wailing notes, which yet taught us the touching lesson of his manhood, called upon us to mourn with them for the loved, honored, but departed ones of our ancient craft.

No words of ours can add to those sad and touching tributes of the heart, which have been so feelingly echoed by our own honored chief.

"Nor yet those alone."

Bitterly as has the Southern Council been visited by the succession of deaths of its Lieut.'. Commander, its Minister of State, and its

Treasurer General, the voice of woe has crossed the sea, to tell us that Illustrious Bros.'. PEETERS and PEREZ, two of our foreign representatives are no more.

Would that we could enhance the well earned fame of those distinguished Brethren, by any language of ours.

We can only silently sorrow with the stricken, and prolong the mournful strains which their Brethren have poured forth in the fullness of their grief.

Their names and reputation are endurable forever with the best and dearest of our Fraternity, and there they may securely repose.

Their wisdom in Council, their eloquence in debate, their energy in action, are treasured up in our memories, to be there enshrined forever.

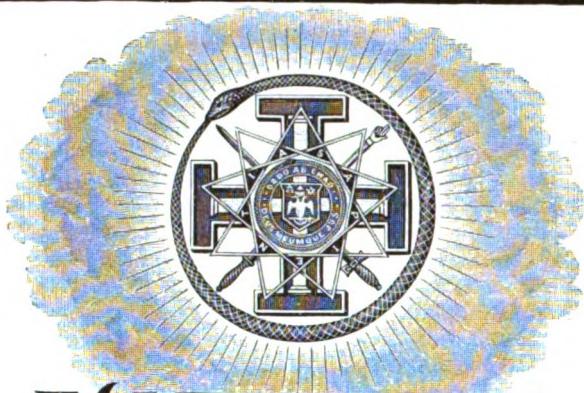
Their bright and shining example is left for our imitation and inheritance, while their lamentable departure has made their respective Jurisdictions one Common Lodge of Sorrow.

Mingling our sympathies with those who have been so much bereaved, is all the duty that is left to us.

And we can only repeat the time-honored, but ever touching words of burial—"Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust."

We respectfully recommend the customary tribute of respect, "In Memoriam," in the case of Ill.'. Bro.'. THOMPSON.

F. A. BLADES,
JOHN L. LEWIS,
J. CLARKE HAGEY.



IN MEMORIAM.

ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

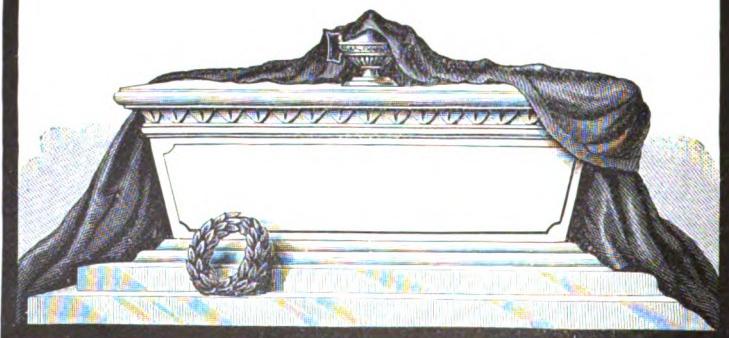
Abner Bourne Thompson,

AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE, NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S.

DEPUTY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, FOR THE STATE OF MAINE.

BORN AT MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS., SEPT. 23. 1797.
DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE, IN BRUNSWICK, MAINE, AUGUST 4, 1871.

" FAITHFUL IN ALL THINGS."



Reports of Deputies.

MAIN E.

In consequence of the death of Bro'. ABNER B. THOMPSON,
Deputy for Maine, no Report was made for that District.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States:

In the discharge of my official duties as Deputy of the Supreme Council for the District of New Hampshire, I have the honor to submit the Returns for the District for the Masonic year, and to say that nothing has occurred, during the past year, to disturb the harmony and union which have characterized the Rite in this District, since the union in 1867.

But little work has been done in any of the Bodies of this Rite since my last report. This must be attributed not to a want of interest in and devotion to the orders of Masonry, but to circumstances entirely outside of Masonry. At the Council of Deliberation for the District of N. H., in Nov., 1869, resolutions were adopted recommending the consolidation and removal of certain Bodies. The recommendations were approved at the meeting of the Supreme Council in 1870, and the Bodies in accordance with the action of the Council of Deliberation and the Supreme Council, voted to consolidate and remove.

The confusion and delay caused by this action, is the real cause for the small exhibit of work.

Mount Moriah Consistory should no longer be borne upon the Roster of Bodies in this Jurisdiction, the members having voted to join Edward A. Raymond Consistory.

I am informed by the Secretary Gen'. H.'. E.', that the reason why it still appears upon the Roster, is because its Charter has not been returned. The fact is, it never had a Charter, nor even a Dispensation. A Charter was voted to the members, but it was never issued.

This is also true of Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection. A Charter was voted to this Body, but it has never been issued.

I would urgently recommend that the Charter be now issued, for Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection, to be located at Keene, N. H.

WILLIAM BARRETT. 33°,

Deputy for New Hampshire.

VERMONT.

There is but one Body of the A.'. & A.'. Rite in Vermont; Haswell Lodge of Perfection, at Burlington. I have not been able to visit this Body since its Constitution, at which time I had the honor to install its officers.

From the Returns, I learn that Haswell Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and that the Rite is slowly gaining a foothold in this State.

I think that special effort should be made to institute one or more Bodies of the several grades of this Rite in Vermont.

WILLIAM BARRETT, 33°,

Acting Deputy for Vermont.

REPORT OF DEPUTY FOR MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Nov. 14th, 1871.

*To the Supreme Council of Sov'. Grand Inspectors-General of the 33°,
of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A.:*

The sturdy efforts of our gallant brethren in the District of Massachusetts the past year, have been crowned with remarkable and highly gratifying prosperity.

A new Charter has been issued to Boston Lodge of Perfection, the original Charter of which, was consumed by fire at the destruction of the Masonic Temple, Wednesday morning, April 6th, 1864.

Dispensations to hold elections after the constitutional time have been granted to the following Bodies :

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| Massasoit Council of P.° of J.° for the election, held | Feb. 24th, | 1871. |
| Sutton Lodge of Perfection, " " | March 2d, | " |
| Boston " " " | " 9th, | " |
| Goddard Council of P.° of J.° " | April 6th, | " |

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| I installed the officers of | | | |
| Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, | Feb. 24th, | 1871. | |
| Evening Star " | March 2d, | " | |
| Sutton " " | " 18th. | " | |
| Worcester " " | April 20th, | " | |
| Massasoit Council of P.° of J.° | March 2d, | " | |
| Goddard " " | April 20th, | " | |
| Lawrence Chapter of R.°. C.° | " " | " | |
| Mount Olivet " " | Nov. 1st, | " | |
| Massachusetts Consistory, | Feb. 15th, | " | |

The following summary of the Bodies in Massachusetts, and their work for the term ending July 1st, 1871, is a pleasing exhibit of their prosperity :

| | No. of Bodies. | Members. | Initiates. | Fees. |
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| Consistory, | 1 | 500 | 15 | \$ 75 |
| Chapters of Rose Croix, | 3 | 373 | 14 | 28 |
| Councils of P.° of J.° | 4 | 340 | 41 | 123 |
| Lodges of Perfection, | 7 | 663 | 87 | 261 |
| Dues from 15 Bodies, | — | — | — | 75 |
| Total, | 15 | 1876 | 157 | \$563 |

Bodies which, in their union with other Bodies have surrendered their Charters:

| | Members. | Initiates. | Fees. |
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| Boston Consistory, | 214 | 20 | \$100 |
| DeWitt Clinton Consistory, | 214 | 15 | 75 |
| Gourgas Chapter of R. C. | 168 | 18 | 36 |
| Boston Council of P. I. of J. | 105 | 9 | 27 |
| Dues from 4 Bodies, | — | — | 20 |
| Total, | 62 | — | \$258 |
| Grand total, | 219 | — | \$820 |

The annual returns of all the Bodies have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary General, whose receipts I have for eight hundred and twenty dollars, the total of fees received.

Fifty (50) Brethren have been the past term created Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

Although the Rite has not been vigorously cultivated in Lowell the past term, the degrees have been well conferred upon a select few. Our Lowell Brethren believe firmly in the maxim, that what is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.

New life has been infused into Massasoit Council at Springfield, and I am assured that more activity will prevail hereafter.

Evening Star Lodge of Perfection, has done little work the past term, but with its new officers duly installed, I anticipate an energetic campaign the ensuing season.

The Springfield Bodies have around them a broad territory to cultivate, and no Bodies near to compete with them, hence with zealous efforts ample success is within their grasp. With the injunction, not to desire the greatest number of candidates but to select the best, the welfare of our order in their large domain is safely entrusted to them. May prosperity crown their efforts with a brilliant future.

Sutton Lodge of Perfection of Salem, is exceedingly fortunate in the selection of its able, zealous and active Thrice Potent, whose attachment to our Rite, is well known, and whose efforts will reflect credit on our beloved institution. With a Grand Secretary of large experience, success cannot but attend the exertions of its efficient board of officers.

I heartily congratulate Worcester Lodge of Perfection upon its past prosperity, and upon its brilliant prospects for the future. Located alone in the heart of the Commonwealth, far from other Lodges of Perfection, yet surrounded on every side by flourishing Bodies of Masons of the York Rite, it has a large jurisdiction where its sway is unlimited. May it cherish dearly the good reputation it has so well established, and perpetuate its present eminent character.

The Rite has prospered greatly in Boston. The Boston, DeWitt Clinton, and Massachusetts Consistories, have united under the Charter of Massachusetts Consistory, which will hereafter hold its meetings in Boston. Gourgas Chapter of Rose Croix has united with Mount Olivet Chapter under the latter's Charter; and Boston Council of Princes of Jerusalem has united with Giles F. Yates Council. The union of these Bodies has been accomplished through Committees appointed with full powers, and the Brethren have acquiesced willingly and happily in their decisions. Adversity makes prosperity doubly dear to the Boston Bodies from the very troubles, trials and perplexities through which they have passed. The dark cloud has dispersed, the sun shines again in all its splendor, and Boston will maintain the bright reputation of our Rite untarnished.

The Charters of Boston and DeWitt Clinton Consistories, of Gourgas Chapter of Rose Croix, and of Boston Council of P.: of J.: have been duly cancelled by me, and been delivered to the Illustrious Grand Keeper of the Archives, to whom also I have surrendered the Records and Seals of the discontinued Bodies. I recommend that the dies of the seals be destroyed, so that no impressions can hereafter be taken, and that the Grand Keeper of the Archives be authorized to then give the presses to any Bodies desiring them.

The Massachusetts Council of Deliberation, had a pleasant and profitable session. It recommended the following Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, for the favorable consideration of the Supreme Council, in its selection of candidates for the Honorary Grade of the Thirty-third Degree, viz: Charles A. B. Shepard, James Kimball, Charles E. Powers, Henry C. Wilson, William D. Stratton, and Sereno D. Nickerson. It also recommended that some arrangement be made for furnishing the certificates of membership in the Subordinate Bodies, in a tuck form; that is, folded with covers, to such Brethren as may prefer them in that way.

On the 6th of January, 1871, I summoned the Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council residing in Massachusetts, to be present at the conferring of the Honorary Grade of the Thirty-third Degree upon the four Ill.: Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, Samuel J. M. Homer and Samuel H. Gregory, of Boston, Oliver Ellsworth, of Newton, and George H. Pierson, of Salem, who were elected to the honor at the Session of the Supreme Council in June, 1870. The degree was conferred by Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander, to whom I forwarded the records of the District Convention. In the evening the Ill.: Brethren had an opportunity of witnessing the work of Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, of which a distinguished editor wrote: "We have never seen the degree more beautifully or impressively conferred. The furniture and all the necessary auxiliaries were admirable in their character and arrangement. Every officer knew his duty and did it. There was no stumbling or hesitation. The

work went smoothly on, and the beauties of the degree were worthily presented. The Lodge is a credit to the Rite."

I should do injustice to my feelings, should I omit to state that in all my visits I have been received courteously and kindly, and great respect has been shown me as your official representative. I heartily thank Ill'. Brothers William Parkman, Charles H. Titus, Z. H. Thomas, Jr., James H. Freeland, Charles E. Powers and George O. Carpenter, for the pleasure of their company and the benefit of their assistance in the discharge of my duties in visiting the Bodies of the Rite the past term.

All of which is respectfully submitted with the assurance that the work in Massachusetts goes busily on.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°,
Deputy for Mass.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Pursuant to notice from the Ill'. Samuel C. Lawrence, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts, by order of the M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Commander, a Deputy Supreme Council for the State of Massachusetts was held at Masonic Temple, in Boston, on the sixth day of January, 1871, for the purpose of conferring the Thirty-third Degree.

The following Active Members of the Supreme Council were present:

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| Ill'. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'. | Ill'. NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, 33°, Gr'. Keeper of the A'. |
| " " SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°, Dep'. for Mass. | " " WILLIAM S. GARDNER, 33° |
| " " CHARLES W. MOORE, 33° | " " WINSLOW LEWIS, 33° |
| " " WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33° | " " CHARLES L. WOODBURY, 33° |
| " " CHARLES R. PAIGE, 33° | " " LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33° |
| " " BENJAMIN DEAN, 33° | " " RICHARD M. BARKER, 33° |
| " " NATHAN H. GOULD, 33°, Dep'. for R. I. | " " NATHAN H. GOULD, 33°, Dep'. for Conn. |

Honorary Members of the Supreme Council were present as follows:

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| Ill'. ABRAHAM A. DAME, 33° | Ill'. WILLIAM ELLISON, 33° |
| " " WILLIAM SUTTON, 33° | " " CHARLES C. DAME, 33° |
| " " MARSHALL P. WILDER, 33° | " " JOHN K. HALL, 33° |
| " " CHARLES H. TITUS, 33° | " " WYZEMAN MARSHALL, 33° |
| " " THOMAS R. LAMBERT, 33° | " " CHARLES B. HALL, 33° |
| " " EDWARD A. WHITE, 33° | " " WILLIAM W. TUCKER, 33° |
| " " CHARLES H. WHITE, 33° | " " BENJ. F. NOURSE, 33° |
| " " EDWARD STEARNS, 33° | " " E. DANA BANCROFT, 33° |
| " " ZEPH. H. THOMAS, JR., 33° | " " JAMES H. FREELAND, 33° |
| " " WILLIAM W. BAKER, 33° | " " JOHN McCLELLAN, 33° |
| " " NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 33° | " " DAN. W. LAWRENCE, 33° |
| " " GILBERT NOURSE, 33° | " " BENJ. POPE, 33° |
| " " JAMES BRADLEY BRAYTON, 33°, Newport, R. I. | |
| " " FRED. H. DORR, 33° | |

The Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander appointed Ill.'. WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, 33°, Gr.'. Lieut.'. Commander; Ill.'. DANIEL WARREN LAWRENCE, 33°, Gr.'. Treasurer, Ill.'. ZEPHANIAH H. THOMAS, JR., 33°, Gr.'. Secretary, and Ill.'. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°, Gr.'. Marshall.

The Thirty-third Degree was then conferred in due form upon the following named Ill.'. Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, viz:

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| OLIVER ELLSWORTH, | . | . | . | . | Newton, Mass. |
| GEO. H. PEIRSON, | . | . | . | . | Salem, Mass. |
| SAMUEL J. M. HOMER, | . | . | . | . | Boston, Mass. |
| SAMUEL H. GREGORY, | . | . | . | . | Brookline, Mass. |

After a few congratulatory remarks, the M.'. P.'. Sov.'. Gr.'. Commander closed the Deputy Supreme Council; Rev.'. Ill.'. Charles H. Titus, 33°, invoking the blessing of Heaven upon the labors of the session.

Attest:

Z. H. THOMAS, JR., 33°,
Gr.'. Secretary.

To the Ill.'. Gr.'. Sec.'. Gen.'. H.'. E'., Sup.'. Council, 33°, N'. J'. U. S. A.

We, Active Members of the Supreme Council, 33°, hereby certify, that the foregoing record is correct.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°
WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33°
WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, 33°

RHODE ISLAND.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, Nov. 7, 1871.

To the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America :

I have the honor and pleasure to report: That the District of Rhode Island has through the blessing of Almighty God, passed through another year of uninterrupted prosperity, and the individual members and Bodies of our beloved Rite are in a better condition than at the commencement of the year; though showing not so large an increase in membership as many of the Bodies of our Rite in several other Districts, yet those we have admitted to it, are such as we feel confident will be an honor to, and promotive of the prosperity of it. We, as in years past, have been more anxious about the quality than the quantity of members added.

During the year I have attended all the meetings of the Bodies at the election of their officers, and installed them that I have had notice of.

On the 13th of April last, we assembled as a Council of Deliberation at Mason's Hall, in the City of Providence, and organized by election

and appointment a full line of officers, and when the matters of strictly local nature were fully ventilated and pleasantly disposed of, the following questions were taken up as recommended in our annual address:

1st. As to the union of the two Consistories, viz.: Rhode Island and Providence.

2d. As to the sense of this District, in relation to the resolution now before the Supreme Council, establishing a Court of Honor for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

Also the following resolution :

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council of Deliberation, and as we truly believe, of the members of the Rite generally in the State, that the action of the Supreme Council, at its last session, in relation to the distinction made in the subordinate Bodies in their list of members by virtue of which resolution all initiates are made members on one footing, and which does away with all distinction in membership, should be modified in such manner as to leave the question of making distinctions between Active and Non-Active Members, to the action of the subordinate Bodies themselves. As we are of the opinion that the resolution referred to is one that will work well in some places, and not so well in others, and that the subordinate Bodies should decide the question for themselves, as would best subserve the interests of the Rite in their particular locality, and thus further the interests of the whole. We would, therefore, respectfully submit to the Supreme Council the expediency of so modifying said resolution."

All of which having been debated fully, were referred to Committees, who desiring more time than the present convocation would allow, it was moved and seconded that the Council adjourn, that the Committees may have ample time to consider the subjects referred to them; the Council to be called together by the Deputy at a convenient time before the session of the Supreme Council ; and on the 2d inst., pursuant to the above, we again assembled after a due notice, at Mason's Hall, in the City of Newport, when business was resumed.

1st. The subject of the union of the two Consistories, being called up, the Committee asked for, and were granted until the session of the next Council to consider and at that time report.

2d. The Committee to whom was referred the resolution now before the Supreme Council, establishing a Court of Honor in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, recommend its establishment.

3d. The Committee to whom was referred so much of the doings of the Supreme Council at its last session, as relates to the status of those receiving the various Degrees and Orders Superior, Exalted and Sublime in the various Bodies, reported the resolution, which being seconded, was unanimously passed.

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Council of Deliberation, and as we truly believe, of the members of the Rite generally in the State, that the action of the Supreme Council, at its last session, in relation to the distinction made in the subordinate Bodies in their list of members by virtue of which resolution all initiates are made members on one footing, and which does away with all distinction in membership, should be modified in such manner as to leave the question of making distinctions between Active and Non-Active Members to the action of subordinate Bodies themselves. As we are of the opinion that the resolution referred to is one that will work well in some places, and not so well in others, and that the subordinate Bodies should decide the question for themselves, as would best subserve the interests of the Rite in their particular locality, and thus further the interests of the whole. We would, therefore, respectfully submit to the Supreme Council the expediency of so modifying said resolution."

And your Deputy was requested to lay the subject before this Supreme Body, and according to its spirit urge its modification.

When having closed the docket of business, the Council was closed.

Thus in peace, harmony and fraternal sympathy has another year of the life of our beloved A.'.A.'. Scottish Right been rolled into the sea of the great past, from which by Divine aid, we hope to draw lessons of wisdom and strength to battle with the present.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. H. GOULD, 33°,
Deputy for Rhode Island.

CONNECTICUT.

NORWICH, November 13, 1871.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A., Orient, Boston, Mass.:

In conformity to the rule of our Order, I do hereby submit for the consideration of the Supreme Council, in annual session assembled, my report as Deputy for the State of Connecticut.

During the past year, the Bodies of the Scottish Rite in my District, have given evidence of their continued prosperity, especially those located in the Valley of Bridgeport, over which Ill.'. Bro.'. Higby, 33°, presides, and to whom credit is due for their renewed life and present prosperous condition. Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection, Hartford, have not added to their numbers in proportion to former years, but I am satisfied that the Body is in good hands, and will be as successful in the future as it has been in the past.

The Bodies of the Rite in Norwich, continue to maintain the high position which they won by liberal contribution of time and money. I am proud to state, that their work is well done, and that peace and friendship prevails among them and throughout my Jurisdiction.

Not in strict conformity to Article 25th, of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council; but in accordance with circumstances over which your Deputy had no control (such as sickness and death in his family), a State Council of Deliberation for the Masonic District of Connecticut, was held in the City of Norwich, at a later date than that required by the Constitution. It was held on the 3d day of the month *Tishri, anno Hebraico*, 5632, corresponding to the 18th day of September, 1871. The several Bodies of the Rite were represented by letter and in person. Henry L. Parker, 33°, was appointed Secretary, and the Council proceeded to business; in due time Council of Deliberation closed.

I have issued my Special Dispensation, and elevated to the high grades of Knights of K. H. 30th, Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31st, and Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d, several Prince Masons, whose names will be found in the returns of Connecticut Consistory, Norwich, and Lafayette Consistory, Bridgeport.

In obedience to the call made by the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander, asking aid for the unfortunate Brethren of the A. & A. Rite in Chicago, I would state, that the Brethren in Bridgeport and Hartford, had contributed liberally in the York Rite, and therefore unable to respond; the Norwich Bodies cast a mite into my hands, which I forwarded to Ill. Bro. V. L. Hurlbut, 33°, and have received his grateful acknowledgment of the same.

CHAS. W. CARTER, 33°,
Deputy for Connecticut.

NEW YORK.

To the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A.:

The undersigned in presenting the accompanying report of the transactions of the Council of Deliberation, in and for the State of New York, desires to say, that although unable from stress of circumstances to be personally present at the annual meeting, yet the transactions of the Body have his approval and its recommendations are respectfully urged upon your attention.

The present occasion is embraced to discharge the sad duty of announcing the death of Ill. Bro. Nicholas Mickle, 33°, of New York, who departed this life October 8, 1871.

Truly and courteously yours,
ORRIN WELCH, 33°,
Deputy for New York.

NEW YORK.

To Ill^r. Josiah H. Drummond, 33°, M^r. P^r. Sov^r. Gr^r. Commander:

ILLUSTRIOS SIR:—Pursuant to your Commission under date of January 1, 1872, a Convention of the Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, 33°, resident in the District of New York, was assembled by summons and notice, at Martin Hall, in the City of Albany, on the twenty-eighth day of the Hebrew month, *Shebat*, A.D. M.D.CC.LXII, corresponding to Wednesday, the seventh day of February, 1872, V.I. E.

There were present the following Ill^r. Brethren:

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| Ill ^r . JOHN L. LEWIS, 33° | of Penn Yan, P ^r . M ^r . P ^r . Sov ^r . Gr ^r . Com. |
| “ CLINTON F. PAIGE, 33° | “ Binghamton, Gr ^r . Min ^r . of State. |
| “ ORRIN WELCH, 33° | “ Syracuse, Deputy for the District of N. Y. |
| “ ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33° | “ of New York, Gen ^r . Foreign Rep. |
| “ CHAS. T. MCCLENACHAN, 33° | “ “ P ^r . G ^r . Mass ^r . of Cer. |
| “ JOHN W. SIMONS, 33° | “ “ Emeritus. |
| “ DARIUS A. OGDEN, 33° | Penn Yan, Honorary. |
| “ JAMES BURNS, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ JAMES M. AUSTIN, 33° | “ New York City, “ |
| “ JOHN A. FOSTER, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ ALBERT P. MORIARTY, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ JOHN A. LEFFERTS, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ EDWARD EDDY, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ ROYAL G. MILLARD, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ HORACE S. TAYLOR, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ JOSEPH B. CHAFFEE, 33° | Binghamton, “ |
| “ CHARLES H. THOMSON, 33° | “ Corning, “ |
| “ ROBERT H. WATERMAN, 33° | “ Albany, “ |
| “ TOWNSEND FONDEY, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ JOHN S. DICKERMAN, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ JESSE M. WHITE, 33° | “ “ “ |
| “ EDWIN J. LOOMIS, 33° | Norwich, “ |
| “ JOHN D. WILLIAMS, 33° | “ Elmira, “ |
| “ GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE, 33° | Rochester, “ |

The Convention was opened in due form, at 8 o'clock P. M., by Ill^r. Orrin Welch, 33°, Deputy for the District of New York.

The Commission of the M^r. P^r. Sov^r. Gr^r. Com. was read, and endorsed by Ill^r. Brothers

JOHN L. LEWIS, 33°
CLINTON F. PAIGE, 33°
ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°
CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, 33°

Active Members of the Supreme Council 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S.

Ill^r. Charles T. McClenachan was appointed as Gr^r. Master of Ceremonies for the Convention.

Ill^r. Princes Peter S. Oliver, of Penn Yan; George Babcock, of Troy; Mead Belden and Edward H. Brown, of Syracuse, were introduced, and the Thirty-third and last Degree was conferred upon them in due form, and they were duly proclaimed and acknowledged as Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third Degree, and Honorary Members of the

Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

The fees, together, with the Oaths of Fealty, have been forwarded to the Gr.'. Sec.'. Gen.'. H.'. E.'

ORRIN WELCH, 33°,

Deputy for the District of New York.

ALBERT P. MORIARTY, 33°,

Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

SPRINGFIELD, N. J., Nov. 8, 1871.

To the Supreme Council of Sov'. Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third Degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A.:

Herewith I forward proceedings of Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey, held at Camden, August 11, 1871.

I most heartily approve the action of said Council of Deliberation, and recommend the adoption of the same by the Supreme Council.

It is with pleasure I report the A.'. & A.'. Rite in this District to be in a flourishing and healthy condition, and that all the subordinate Bodies have made their returns and paid their dues to the Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°,

Deputy for New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1, 1871.

TO HON. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

M.'. P.'. S.'. Gr.'. Com.:

MOST PUSSANT SIR :

It is a subject for devout thanksgiving, that while the Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in Pennsylvania have during the past Masonic year largely increased their membership, death has invaded our ranks but in three instances, and those in such widely distant portions of the District, as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Bloomsburg.

Returns and dues have been received from all the Bodies in this jurisdiction, except those of Shrewsbury and Carlisle, and have been duly forwarded to the Ill.'. Gr.'. Sec.'. General.

The Lodge of Perfection, which is the only Body at Shrewsbury, is working under Dispensation, but I have not heard as yet of their doing any work during the past year.

In my report of last year, I expressed the hope that as the Bodies of the Rite in Carlisle had done no work, they would give up their Char-

ters and coalesce with those at Harrisburg. Some steps were taken many months ago looking to such a union, but there it seems to have ended. The Bodies at Carlisle have not forwarded any returns for many years, and it will be for the Supreme Council to say whether the warrants of those Bodies should not be recalled at the coming session of the Supreme Council.

As has been our custom in Pennsylvania, the Council of Deliberation for this District assembled on the first Tuesday in December, 1870. It was largely attended; nearly all the subordinate Bodies of the State were represented, and a large number of visiting Brethren were present to unite their interest in the Rite. The proceedings were entirely harmonious, and a copy thereof is forwarded with this report. The Thirtieth Degree was exemplified in the presence of the Council by members of Philadelphia Sov.'. Consistory, and elicited the encomiums of all present.

Prior to the meeting of the Council of Deliberation, by virtue of your Commission, a Convocation of all those resident in Pennsylvania, who had received the Thirty-third Degree, was held in the Masonic Temple, and the Honorary Grade of 33°, was conferred upon all those in this jurisdiction who had been elected by the Supreme Council to receive this exalted grade. We were assisted by several of the Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council from New York and New Jersey. The proceedings of the Convocation are fully detailed in the proceedings of 1870 of the Supreme Council as published, and I will not repeat them here.

I am exceedingly gratified to be able to report the resuscitation of the Bodies of the A.'. & A.'. Rite in Pittsburgh. Upon application of the officers and members, I issued my dispensation authorizing elections to be held in each of the Bodies. Having secured the valuable assistance of P.'. M.'. P.'. Sov.'. Gr.'. Com.'. K. H. Van Rensselaer, they elected their officers, and conferred the degrees upon a large number of candidates. From the zeal now manifested by them, the future is full of promise for our Brethren in Pittsburgh, and I have the assurance of many of them that they intend to do their own work.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY E. STOCKER, M. D.,
Sov.'. Gr.'. Inspector-Gen.'. and Deputy for Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY.

Agreeable to the authority received from the M.'. P.'. Sov.'. Grand Com.'. of the Sup.'. Council of N.'. M.'. Jurisdiction, a Convocation of Ins.'. General of the 33d and last Degree, was held in Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 22d day of the Hebrew month Kislev, answering to Tuesday, the fifth of December, 1871, V.'. E.'., at 35 minutes after 2 o'clock.

The following Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council were present:

ACTIVE.

ANTHONY E. STOCKER, 33° Deputy for Pennsylvania.
 JOHN SHEVILLE, 33° " " New Jersey.
 H. STANLEY GOODWIN, 33° Gr. C. Marshall of Sup. C. Council.
 THOMAS J. CORSON, 33° Active Member.
 ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33° " "

HONORARY.

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| NATHAN SMITH, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | Philadelphia. |
| ISAAC D. LUTZ, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | Harrisburgh. |
| JOHN WOLVERTON, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | New Jersey. |
| CHARLES BECHTEL, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | " " |
| CHARLES E. MEYER, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | Philadelphia. |
| GEORGE B. EDWARDS, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | New Jersey. |
| ALEXANDER M. POLLOCK, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | Pittsburg. |
| TOWNSEND S. HUNN, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | Philadelphia. |
| JOHN HANOLD, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | " " |
| CHARLES H. KINGSTON, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | " " |

The Convocation was opened in due form by the Ill. Deputy, Anthony E. Stocker, 33°, who directed the Commission to be read from the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, authorizing the conferring of the 33d degree upon the elected candidates from Pennsylvania. Ill. Deputy John Sheville, 33°, of New Jersey, then read the authority from the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, authorizing the conferring of the degree on W. H. Jefferys, elected from New Jersey.

The following named candidates were then introduced and severally received the Honorary Grade of the 33°, in due form, and were proclaimed Ill. Inspectors-General, as follows:

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| CHARLES RICHARD EARLY, M. D., | . | . | . | . | . | Bloomsburg. |
| EDWARD STOUT WYKOFF, | . | . | . | . | . | Philadelphia. |
| ANDREW ROBENO, JR., | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| WILLIAM HENRY EGLE, | . | . | . | . | . | Harrisburg. |
| THOMAS REEZ DAVIS, | . | . | . | . | . | Philadelphia. |
| JOHN SARTAIN, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| JAMES MADISON PORTER, | . | . | . | . | . | Easton. |
| SAMUEL HARPER, | . | . | . | . | . | Pittsburg. |
| ISAAC MUFF, | . | . | . | . | . | Philadelphia. |
| THOMAS RANKEN PATTON, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| MARK RICHARD MUCKLE, | . | . | . | . | . | " |
| WILLIAM HENRY JEFFERYS, | . | . | . | . | . | New Jersey. |

The business for which the Convocation had been called, having been completed, it was duly closed by the Ill. Deputy, at 3:55 P. M.

ANTHONY E. STOCKER, 33°,
Deputy for Penn.
 JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°,
Deputy for New Jersey.
 A. G. GOODALL, 33°,
 H. STANLEY GOODWIN, 33°,
 THOMAS J. CORSON, 33°.

TOWNSEND S. HUNN, 33°,
Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, November 6th, 1871.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third and last Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the N. J., U. S. of America, sitting at Boston, Massachusetts:

I have the honor to submit my annual Report of the State of the Rite in the District of Ohio, from May 1, 1870, to 1871.

The number of Subordinate Bodies in the State, remains the same as at the last report. The Rite is in a healthy, growing condition; year by year it attracts more and more the attention of the lovers of Masonry—the students of the deeper mysteries of our beautiful order; they find their reward in our magnificent and impressive grades.

All the Subordinate Bodies in the State, have done more or less work during the past year. They have made prompt returns as required by our regulations, and have paid their annual dues and fees to the Supreme Council.

In conformity with the Constitutions, I convened a Council of Deliberation at Cincinnati, on March 7th, 1871. This Council continued its session during three days, during which time all the degrees from Secret Master (4), to Prince of the Royal Secret (32), were fully exemplified in the presence of the Council by Gibuleum Lodge of Perfection, M. J. Mack, 16°, presiding; Dalcho Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Alexander B. Huston, 32°, presiding; Cincinnati Chapter of Rose Croix, Robert Gwynn, 32°, presiding, and Ohio Grand Consistory of P. R. S., 32°, E. T. Carson, 33°, presiding.

I herewith submit the minutes of the proceedings of this Council, and have only to call the attention of the Supreme Council to the one suggestion or recommendation therein contained, that relating to the "useless verbiage and high sounding titles in our printed proceedings," recommending that they be omitted, in which recommendation your Deputy most heartily concurs.

It is my sad duty to announce to this Supreme Council, the death of two of its Honorary Members in my District during the past year, our Illustrious Brother Silas Chipman Newton, of Cincinnati, and Ill. Bro. Thomas Sparrow, of Columbus, Ohio, who died on August 7th, 1871.

Bro. Newton had been actively connected with the Ancient and Accepted Rite at Cincinnati, from an early period in its history; he was one of the most active, energetic member of the Bodies; he was universally loved and respected by all who knew him, and his loss deeply felt.

Ill. Bro. Sparrow was among the most talented and distinguished Masons in the West. He was Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and at the time of his decease he was Deputy G. Commander of Knights Templar of Ohio. He had been connected with our Rite

only a few years of his life. He had, however, become a most ardent admirer and devoted student in it, and was devoting himself to the study of every part of the Secret and Mysterious Arcana, as well as to its history when death summoned him from his labors.

Bro'. Sparrow was only created an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council, at its last meeting in Cincinnati, in 1870.

On the 10th day of August, I convened a Special Council of Deliberation at Columbus, Ohio, for the express purpose of taking action in Memoriam, in relation to the death of our Illustrious Brother, Thomas Sparrow, deceased. The Proceedings in Memoriam of that Council, I also herewith submit.

E. T. CARSON, 33°,
Deputy for Ohio.

P. S.—It is only since my arrival at Boston to attend this present meeting of the Sup'. Council, that I learned that I had overlooked the regulation which requires the reports of the Deputies to be submitted to the Sov'. G'. Commander, before the meeting of the Sup'. Council.

E. T. CARSON, 33°,
Deputy for Ohio.

INDIANA.

*To the Supreme Council of Sov'. Grand Inspectors-General of the 33°
for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of U. S. A.:*

The Deputy for the District of Indiana, submits the following Report for the year ending June 30th, 1871:

I have received Reports from only a portion of the Bodies of this State, viz:

| DUES PAID. | |
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| Indianapolis Bodies in full, | \$123 |
| Lafayette " " | 20 |
| New Albany " " | 84 \$227 00 |
| DUES UNPAID. | |
| Fort Wayne Consistory, 1869. | \$30 00 |
| " " 1870. | 5 00 |
| " " 1871. | 5 00 \$40 00 |
| Fort Wayne Chapter, 1869. | \$12 00 |
| " " 1870. | 5 00 |
| " " 1871. | 5 00 \$22 00 |
| Fort Wayne Council P. I. of J., 1869. | \$12 00 |
| " " " 1870. | 5 00 |
| " " " 1871. | 5 00 \$22 00 |
| Fort Wayne L. I. of Perfection, 1869. | \$11 00 |
| " " " 1870. | 5 00 |
| " " " 1871. | 5 00 \$21 00 |
| Fort Wayne total Delinquency, | \$105 00 |

RICHMOND.

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| Richmond Consistory, 1871, | . | . | \$5 00 |
| " Chapter, | " | . | 5 00 |
| " Council, | " | . | 5 00 |
| " L. of P. | " | . | 5 00 |

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| Lyndon A. Smith Consistory, 1871, | . | . | \$5 00 |
| Vigo Chapter R. C. | " | . | 5 00 |
| Hamilton C. of P. | " | . | 5 00 |
| Terre Haute L. of P. | " | . | 5 00 |

LOGANSPORT.

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| Logan Council of P., 1871, | . | . | \$5 00 |
| Hamilton L. of P., | " | . | 5 00 |

ANDERSON.

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| Anderson L. of Perfection, 1871, | . | . | \$10 00 |
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CAMBRIDGE.

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| Cambridge Lodge of Perfection, 1870, | . | . | \$5 00 |
| " " " | 1871, | . | 5 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAVEN,

Dep't. for Indiana.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, NOV. 11, 1871.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third Degree of the A. & A. Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.:

Standing amid the ashes of desolation, and the ruins of all the accumulated treasures of the Masonic Bodies of this City, with letters, manuscripts and everything destroyed (except a few copies of the printed proceedings of our Council of Deliberation, herewith submitted as a part of this report) which could aid me in the discharge of the official duty I owe to the Supreme Council, you will generously receive this partial and meagre Report of the Rite in this District under my jurisdiction. In obedience to the recommendation of the Supreme Council, I have done all in my power to effect a consolidation of the various Bodies of the Rite in this District, and am happy to be able to report progress.

In this City (Chicago), the effort for consolidation has been crowned with the most gratifying and complete success. In securing this result, we have been zealously assisted by the following Ill.: Brethren,

without whose aid we should have failed: Hosmer A. Johnson, 33; Henry C. Ranney, 33^o; Gilbert R. Smith, 33^o; Eugene B. Myers, 33^o; Chas. H. Brower, 33^o; T. T. Gurney, 32^o; Gilbert W. Barnard, 32^o; J. H. McVicker, 32^o; H. F. Holcomb, 32^o; Fred. A. Whalen, 32^o; R. Cleveland, 32^o.

I believe, that with judicious management and timely patience, the work of consolidating the Consistories in this District, can be prosecuted to a successful result. Some of the Bodies manifest a strong reluctance to surrendering their organizations, and while we can but feel a strong sympathy for the attachments that cling to that which is made sacred by the most solemn and impressive associations, we feel confident, that upon mature reflection, all will see that it is for the permanent good, prosperity and dignity of the Rite, and will cheerfully aid the work of consolidation.

The Consolidation of the Bodies of the Rite, in this City, created an imperative necessity for greatly enlarged accommodations, and accordingly a Committee, composed of the presiding officers of the four Bodies, was appointed to secure such accommodations as would be creditable to the Rite in this City, and the great Northwest, and ample for the working and conferring of all the degrees and orders of each grade. Such accommodations had been provided for, and were rapidly approaching completion, and possession was to have been taken the 1st of this month, when all was swept away by the great fire which laid so large a portion of our City in ruins. By this calamity all the Charters, Records, Jewels and paraphernalia of the Bodies of the Rite here (Chicago), were destroyed; the Charters were especially esteemed and prized for their historic interest, having been issued prior to the schism of the Supreme Council in 1860. I would recommend that Charters be issued in lieu of those lost, and if consistent, that the names of the Charter Members, and the original official *signatures be inserted* with the present, or that copies, certified by the present officers, be issued, if practicable. The four Bodies in Springfield lost their Charters, Records, and everything, by the fire of February last, and I would recommend that their dues be *remitted by the Supreme Council*.

I would also recommend that the three resolutions to be found on page 46, of the printed proceedings of our Council of Deliberation, recommending the Supreme Council to change the names of the Bodies located at Quincy, Freeport and Peoria, be concurred in.

The Thirty-thirds, who received their Degrees in Cincinnati, in June, 1870, and those who received their degrees in Chicago, in June, 1871, as well as Ill.^o. Bro.^o. Henry C. Ranney, 33^o, and *myself*, are without Patents or Diplomas. I would, therefore, most respectfully ask, that the same be issued to said parties.

During the session of the annual Council of Deliberation, held in this City, June 22d, 1871, the following communication, presented by Ill.^o. T. T. Gurney, 32^o, was unanimously adopted:

"To Ill'. Vincent Lumbard Hurlbut, 33°, S'. G'. I'. G'. Deputy of the Supreme Council for Illinois:

The members of this Council of Deliberation, together with the members of the Rite represented thereby, desiring to express their high appreciation of the Supreme Body which you have the honor to represent, beg to request, that you present to the Ill'. Sov'. Gr'. Commander, officers and members of the Supreme Council, the loyal and fraternal greetings of the Scottish Rite Masons of Illinois, and request of them, if consistent with the interests of the Rite, to hold their Annual Session for 1872, in this City."

When this request was voted we had a beautiful, prosperous and growing City, to which it would have been our pride to welcome the Supreme Council; now, we have little else than ruins to exhibit. Then, we had our business, our homes, and our ample accommodations; now, we are most of us homeless and penniless. To us, has come "the hour when the vail of the Temple was rent; when darkness and consternation covered the earth; when the blazing star disappeared; when the lamp of day was darkened; when the columns and working tools of Masonry were shattered, and the cubic stones sweated blood and water."

Do not, for a moment, think that we complain or despair; thank God, we have clear heads, strong hands, and courageous hearts, and by the blessing of our All-Father, we will rebuild the Temple—(the Arch of our Temple alone is left us, the Key-Stone is gone)—erect anew its sacred altars, so that the glory of the latter house shall greatly exceed the former. Nor do we wish to rescind that vote, or recall that request for your Supreme Body to hold its Annual Session for 1872, in our City. We cannot promise to give you sumptuous surrounding, or luxurious fare, but we can give you a hearty welcome; the test of the Pilgrim, wholesome bread, and an abundance of pure water.

Silver and gold, have we none; but, such as we have, give we unto you.

For myself, and all the members of the Rite in this City, I most gratefully acknowledge the prompt action of the M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Commander, by his circular, in asking and securing aid for the sufferers, by the awful calamity which has visited us. The response has been most generous, and God knows, that the need was most imperative. No event, however terrible, can be a calamity, which reveals so much nobleness, and unseals such overflowing fountains of sympathy and helpfulness.

Up to Nov. 11th, I have acknowledged the following generous donations:

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| From the Thirty-seconds of Burlington, Iowa, to the Thirty-seconds of Chicago, through the Ill'. M. E. Gillett, 32 , | \$100 00 |
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From the Scotch Rite Brethren, Baltimore, as follows:

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| T. A. Cunningham, | 33° | \$50 00 |
| L. A. Birdy, | 32° | 10 00 |
| E. Corbett, | 32° | 10 00 |
| John M. Miller, | 32° | 10 00 |
| Henry Bell, | 32° | 10 00 |
| Sam'l Snowden, | 32° | 10 00 |
| | | <u>\$100 00</u> |
| From A. & A. Rite, Detroit, Mich., through D. B. Tracy, 33°, | | \$50 00 |
| From A. & A. Rite, Philadelphia, through Chas. E. Meyer, 33°, | | 250 00 |
| From Sundry Brethren, Pottsville, Pa., through Chas. H. Woltjen, 22°, | | 50 00 |
| From Gr. Council Pr. Jer., Portsmouth, N. H., through John Christie, 33°, | | 100 00 |
| From Norwich, Conn., through Chas. W. Carter, 33°, | | 50 00 |
| From Adoniram Gr. L. of P., Indianapolis, Ind., through John Caven, 33°, | | 100 00 |
| From A. J. Kellogg, 33°, Allegan, Mich., | | 10 00 |
| From E. T. Carson, 33°, Cincinnati, and placed to the credit of unclassified remittance, (not having given instructions how to distribute the same), | | 1,300 00 |

And I have advices, that from the Bodies of the Rite in Portland, \$55.65 have been forwarded, that had not been received when I left home.

All the gifts that have been, or will be received, will be judiciously used for the relief of those rendered needy or helpless by the great fire, so that the wish of the donors may be fully realized.

In conclusion, while I am thankful for all the honors conferred upon me, and most gratefully acknowledge the uniform courtesy received at the hands of the Sov. Gr. Inspectors-General; while I fully appreciate the kind partiality which elected me to the Deputyship of the District of Illinois, I most respectfully ask to be relieved from the duties and cares of this office, and herewith tender my resignation of the same.

When you know that I have lost nearly all I had by the great fire—all the books, instruments, &c., pertaining to my profession—you will realize that I have no time to give to anything outside of my calling, and that a necessity is laid upon me, to give all thought and energy to the task of regaining my shattered fortunes, and will cheerfully grant my request and accept my resignation.

VINCENT LUMBARD HURLBUT, 33°,

Deputy, Supreme Council for Illinois.

MICHIGAN.

To the Supreme Council of S.: G.: I.: G.: 33°, N.: J.:, U. S.:

As your Deputy for Michigan, I have but little to report.

The past year has not been one of great prosperity, if we measure *prosperity* by numbers. From the first, we have determined in Michigan to make *haste slowly*, and what work we do, to have it good work, such as shall give both strength and beauty to the Temple we are trying to build.

There is no schism in our jurisdiction; general harmony prevails. The work of consolidation is not yet complete, but propositions are now under consideration that looks toward the unification of our work carrying out the idea of the Supreme Council. The coming year will probably determine this question.

WORK DONE.

On the 9th of January, 1871, a Council of Deliberation was held in the City of Detroit, all the Bodies in the State being represented. A full report of the doings thereof was submitted at the time to the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.:

Among other things done at the Council of Deliberation, the Council requested me to associate with myself one or more members of the 33° or 32°, and visit as many of the Bodies as possible.

In accordance with the request, on the 17th of February last, accompanied by Ill.: Bro.: Wm. Corbin, 33°, I visited the Bodies in Hudson. At a meeting called for that purpose, Hoadley Lodge of Perfection and Horeb Council, by unanimous vote, surrendered their Charters, and all the members affiliated with the Lodge and Council at Detroit. I herewith return their Charters to this Sup.: Council.

On the 12th of May, accompanied by Ill.: Bro.: J. J. Bardwell, 32°, I visited the Bodies at Jackson.

At a meeting called for that purpose, it was voted that the Bodies now holding Charters of the A.: & A.: S.: Rite in Jackson, will surrender their Charters for the purpose of consolidating into *one* body in this State, at such time as the other Bodies in the State shall vote to do the same. The Bodies at Jackson have made their Returns and dues paid.

Accompanied by the late Ill.: Bro.: J. J. Rhodes, 32°, I visited the Bodies in Ann Arbor. We had an informal meeting of the brethren, but no conclusion was arrived at. In view of the fact that no work has been done or returns made for the past two years—under the rule of the Supreme Council that when Bodies fail to make returns for two years, they shall forfeit their warrants—I recommend that their warrants be declared forfeited, and the Deputy for Michigan be directed to demand the same and forward them to the Secretary General.

I also visited the Bodies in Grand Rapids and had an informal meeting of the brethren; but little interest is manifested in the Rite. Last

year they made returns, but paid no dues. Whether returns without dues are returns in the sense of protecting them from the operation of the rule—when no returns are made within two years, they shall forfeit their Charters—remains for this Council to decide. I have nothing to say in their defence from the operation of this rule, if they are liable under it.

I have not visited Kalamazoo officially; but little work has been done if any. Returns have not been made as yet this year. The question of consolidation is agitating them; but no definite action has been had.

At Adrian, the same question of consolidation is before them, and probably within the next year they will settle the question either to go on or surrender their Charters and affiliate at Detroit.

Bodies at Adrian have made their returns; dues not paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. BURNHAM TRACY, 33°,
Deputy for Michigan.

WISCONSIN.

To the Supreme Council of S.'. G.'. I.'. G.'. Thirty-third Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction:

I have the honor to report that there are in the District of Wisconsin four Bodies of the Rite only, all of which are located in the City of Milwaukee, each of them having seventy members each.

Full reports from each of those Bodies have been made to me, copies of which, together with the dues collected, have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary General.

A Council of Deliberation was held in the City of Milwaukee, on the 19th day of January last, which was fully attended, at which time an exemplification of the work was had.

The Council at that time recommended that a Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix, be organized at the City of Portage, in said District of Wisconsin, but made no other recommendation requiring the action of the Supreme Council.

Peace and concord continues to exist among the members of the Rite in that District, and the current year will show a material increase of membership.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN BLODGET ALDEN, 33°,
Deputy for Wisconsin.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, June 23, 1871.

To Daniel Sickels, 33°, Gr.'. Sec.'. Gen.'. H.'. E.'. &c.:

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—By virtue of a Special Commission issued to me, by Ill.'. Josiah H. Drummond, 33°, M.'. P.'. Sov.'.

Gr'. Commander, I convened the Active and Honorary Members of the Thirty-third Degree residing in this State, on Thursday, the 22d day of June, 1871, for the purpose of conferring the Thirty-third Degree upon Ill'. Pr'. Horatio Nelson Hurlbut, Jacob W. Brewer, and Warren G. Purdy, to whom that high grade had been voted at the Annual Session of the Supreme Council, June, 1870, and proceeded as per accompanying minutes of said Special Session.

V. L. HURLBUT, 33°,

Dep'. for Illinois.

SUPREME COUNCIL, S'. G'. L'. GEN'., 33°, N'. M'. JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

SPECIAL SESSION.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Chicago, Ill., June 22d, 1871.

The Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, assembled in Special Session, in Consistorial Hall, Masonic Temple, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, on the 3d day of the Hebrew Month, Aamooz, A'. M'. 5631, corresponding to Thursday, the 22d day of June, V'. E'. 1871.

The Supreme Council was opened at 12 o'clock M., by Ill'. Vincent Hurlbut, Thirty-third Degree, Deputy for Illinois, as M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Commander.

OFFICERS.

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| Ill'. Bro'. VINCENT HURLBUT, 33° . . . | as | M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'. |
| " " HENRY C. RANNEY, 33° . . . | " | P'. Gr'. Lt'. Com'. |
| " " HOSMER A. JOHNSON, 33° . . . | " | Gr'. M'. State. |
| " " JAS. V. Z. BLANEY, 33° . . . | " | Gr'. In'. Gen. |
| " " HARMON G. REYNOLDS, 33° . . . | " | Gr'. Sec'. Gen. |
| " " EUGENE B. MYERS, 33° . . . | " | Gr'. K'. of Seals. |
| " " WALTER A. STEVENS, 33° . . . | " | Gr'. M'. of Cer'. |
| " " CHAS. H. BROWER, 33° . . . | " | Gr'. Marshal. |
| " " ROB'T H. FOSS, 33° . . . | " | Gr'. Standard Bearer. |
| " " LOYAL L. MUNN, 33° . . . | " | Gr'. Capt'. Guard. |

Visitors present: Ill'. Bro'. Albert Pike, 33°, M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'. S'. M'. J'. of the U. S. A.; and Ill'. Bros'. D. W. Thompson, Gilbert R. Smith, Geo. W. Pettee, Wiley M. Egan and Wm. H. Gale, 33°, of Illinois, N'. M'. J'., U. S. A.

The M'. P'. S'. Gr'. Commander, *p. t.*, read the special warrant of authority from the M'. P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'. of the Supreme Council.

Ill'. Breth'. Horatio N. Hurlbut, Jacob W. Brewer and Warren G. Purdy, who were elected at the last Annual Convocation of the Supreme Council, S'. G'. L'. G', to receive the grade of Ill'. Inspector-General, 33°, were then introduced, received, and advanced to the high grade of Inspector-General, 33°, and to Honorary Member-

ship in the Supreme Council, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. They then signed the obligation of fealty to the Supreme Council which were witnessed by the Sec.'. Gen.'. *pr. t.* Eloquent remarks were made by the M.'. P.'. Sov.'. Gr.'. Com.'. Pike, highly instructive and gratifying to the Ill.'. Brethren present. The Sup.'. Council was then closed.

HARMON G. REYNOLDS, 33°,
Sec.'. Gen.', p. t.

We hereby certify, that the foregoing is a correct record of the transactions of said Special Convocation.

V. L. HURLBUT, 33°,
Deputy Ill.
H. A. JOHNSON, 33°,
Active.
W. A. STEVENS, 33°,
Active.

REPORT OF
ILL.·. BRO.·. ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°.
GENERAL FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE.

To Ill.·. Josiah H. Drummond, 33°, Most P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Com.·. of the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A.:

MOST ILL.·. AND POW.·. BRO.·.

I have the honor to submit the following fourth report, relative to Foreign Masonic relations :

But few of the Foreign Grand Bodies publish in full their proceedings, and the occasional Bulletins issued by some are but seldom received. Many important transactions are in consequence not communicated for the general information and benefit of the craft at large. When the ancient custom of burying all important business transactions among the archives, *for convenience*, is abolished, and a universal system of publication adopted, we shall hope to furnish at our annual assembly more useful information than the limited material now in hand enables me to do at present.

ENGLAND.

While in Europe during the past Summer, I was favored with an opportunity of again renewing the pleasant fraternal relations with the members of the Supreme Council, 33°, for England and Wales and Dependencies of the British Crown, on which occasion I had the pleasure of being accompanied by Ill.·. Bro.·. DANIEL SICKELS, 33°, our Grand Secretary Gen.·. The cordial reception, fraternal courtesies, and hospitality extended to us during our sojourn in London, I take this occasion to officially acknowledge, the remembrance of which I will ever recall with the utmost pleasure.

The steady progress made by this Grand Body since my last report is most gratifying, and bids fair to place it at an early date among the leading Grand Bodies of our Rite for stability and Masonic power. They have purchased and arranged suitable premises for the meetings of the Grand Body and Subordinates in all the degrees, collected a valuable Masonic library, with many rare and costly manuscripts and documents relating to the history of the Ancient Accepted Rite in Europe. Upon this solid foundation they are cautiously extending their Subordinate Bodies throughout the British empire, and the Rite

under the present able management is in the full tide of progress and prosperity.

During the past year, attempts were made to establish rival subordinate bodies in defiance of the authority of the Sup'. Con'. and in violation of the recognized laws and sacred obligations of the parties concerned, in the endeavor to form clandestine bodies, but the prompt, decided action of the Grand Body and the publicity given by the Masonic press in England and this country, have effectually prevented the success of those spurious assemblies.

A treaty of alliance has been concluded between the Supreme Council, 33¹, the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, and the Grand Mark Lodge of England, which being important as a legal recognition of those governing Bodies by each other, I insert a copy as follows:

**TREATY OF ALLIANCE.
CONVENTION
BETWEEN
THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33¹,
THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL;
AND
THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.**

I.

The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of The United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, and the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, agree respectively to recognize each other as the Sole Supreme Authorities, to wit:—The Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree as the Sole Supreme Authority in the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Thirty-three Degrees from and exclusive of the Master Mason and Royal Arch Degrees, up to and including the Thirty-third; the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master as the Sole Supreme Authority over the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital and Malta; and the Most Worshipful, the Grand Mark Master Mason, as the Sole Supreme Authority over the Mark Degree; and without the unanimous consent of all the Contracting Parties formally expressed in writing to ignore, disregard, and refuse to admit into their respective Convocations, Chapters, Lodges, or by whatever names their Meetings may be designated, any person belonging to any Masonic Order or Degree which shall be in rebellion against any or either of the Contracting Parties, or any person who shall hereafter belong to any Masonic Order or Degree not recognized by one or other of the Contracting Parties, and not subject to the Judicial Council hereinafter described. Provided always, and it is hereby agreed that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters shall be at liberty to ally itself with a Governing Body, to be formed for the purpose of working the following ancient Masonic Degrees, that is to say—that of “Royal and Select Master,” “Excellent Master,” “Super Excellent Master,” and “Most Excellent Master,” without such Act being considered as infringement of the present Convention, or as obligatory on the Associated Orders to acknowledge or receive as an Associated Body

the Governing Body of the hereinbefore-mentioned Degrees. Provided always, that all Orders or Degrees now claimed and worked by either of the Associated Orders shall be considered as belonging to them.

II.

For the purpose of hearing and deciding Appeals as hereinafter provided, and of settling disputed questions between the respective Orders and Degrees, and for the more effectual promotion of their interests in general, the Contracting Parties will nominate from time to time a Judicial Council consisting of Three Delegates from each Authority, to wit:—The Supreme Council, Three Members; the Grand Conclave of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, Three Members; of whom one representative present from each of the above Bodies shall form a Quorum. Provided always, that if on the Summons of the second Meeting, a Quorum shall not be present as aforesaid, then those present shall, and may act and make their Decree as though a Member or Delegate from each Authority had been present.

III.

It shall be competent to either of the Associated Orders to summons such Judicial Councils on giving to the other Contracting Parties, and to any person or persons interested in the matter to be decided or judged, clear Twenty-one days' notice of such Council, together with the time and place at which it is intended that such Meeting or Council shall be held; the subject matter of such Meeting, and the Judgment, Decree, or Sentence of such Council shall be definite and conclusive.

IV.

Any Member of either of the Associated Orders or Degrees, on conviction by any one of them, of a Masonic Offence, may, within clear Twenty-eight days after receiving Notice from the proper authority of the Associated Order by which he shall have been so convicted, that the Judgment, Decree, or Sentence, will be duly communicated to the other Contracting Parties, lodge notice of Appeal to the Judicial Council of the Associated Orders or Degrees hereinbefore-mentioned, with the Acting Authority of such Orders or Degrees, viz.: The Secretary-General of the Thirty-third Degree, The Grand Chancellor of the Order of Knights Templar, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters; and if such Appeal be lodged in due form within the space of clear Twenty-eight days, the said Judicial Council shall be summoned within clear Twenty-one days of such Notice being so lodged, to meet before the expiry of clear Twenty-one days, as herein-before provided, for the purpose of adjudicating on such Appeal.

V.

All Judgments, Decrees, or Sentences, shall be communicated to the Supreme Authorities of all the Contracting Parties, and shall be valid and executory without question of further process, and no appeal, error, or review shall lie against such Judgment, Decrees, or Sentences, which shall *ipso facto* become the Judgment, Decree, or Sentence of all the parties hereto.

VI.

All Judicial Acts done according to law by the Supreme Judicial Authority of one of the Contracting Parties hereinbefore-mentioned,

may be forthwith communicated to the Officers designated in Article IV. of the other Contracting Parties; and if no appeal be lodged after the expiration of Twenty-eight days from the service thereof on the party affected thereby, be published for its effect in all Councils, Chapters, Encampments, or Lodges of the other Contracting Parties, and any act of contumacy punished by one of the Contracting Parties, shall, if communicated as above provided, be regarded by the other as contumacy against its own Judicial Act. Expulsion, Suspension, or other minor pain or penalty, adjudged by any one of the Contracting Parties, shall be applied by the others in like manner. Provided always, that all Sentences of Expulsion must be communicated to the Officers designated in Article IV.

VII.

The Contracting Parties agree to exchange Lists of Persons relieved from their respective Funds, giving an abstract of each case, and the amount of relief, as soon as possible after such relief shall have been given.

VIII.

The Contracting Parties agree not hereafter, otherwise than by mutual consent, to recognize any other Jurisdiction whatsoever, except the Grand Lodge of Craft, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or to permit their Members to join any other independent Masonic Order or Degree within any place in England and Wales except as provided in Article I.

FRANCE.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33'.—During my stay in Paris, in July last, I had several interviews with the members of the Supreme Council; also with Ill'. Bro'. Maurice Schwalb, 33', our Gr'. Rep'. near that Grand Body

The unfortunate political events, resulting in the lamentable war with its attendant horrors, which has caused desolation throughout France during the past year, has seriously interrupted the labors and peaceful mission of Masonry, causing a temporary suspension of work in the subordinate bodies, many of which were still dormant; but the battle cry, with clash of arms and deadly strife, having ceased, we may hope that the order throughout that jurisdiction will soon resume their usual active labors, and never again be interrupted by the same cause.

No change has been made in the officers or general management of the Sup'. Con'. since my last report, and while it may not be prudent that even a suggestion be made that changes are necessary, we are justified in saying that the very conservative management for years past has retarded the interest and progress of the Rite in that jurisdiction, and we sincerely hope that those with more youthful energies will be permitted to control, and inaugurate a desired progressive system and attention to Masonic intercourse with other Grand Bodies, for the benefit of the order at large, especially as the Supreme Council and Grand Lodge Central of France is now the only legitimate Masonic authority for France and its dependencies, and we feel desirous that they should without further delay make the necessary efforts to be universally recognized as such.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.—Our relations of amity with this Grand Body having been withdrawn by reason of their unmasonic acts and gross violation of Masonic law, in recognizing spurious so-called Masonic bodies in this country and elsewhere, I declined to communicate with them. The manifestos, circulars, addresses, charges, decrees, and absurd citations issued by lodges and members under their jurisdiction at Paris, during the late war with Prussia, to which extensive publicity has been given, is but another illustration of the peculiar ideas entertained by them in regard to the principles and teachings of Freemasonry, which they have so long and so often endeavored to torture into political schisms for the accommodation of their changeable national and individual opinions, and force others to adopt. The address of the Grand Master, Babaud Laribiere, at the first meeting of the Grand Orient since the conclusion of the war, is more of a political than Masonic production, discussing with much vigor those questions which belong exclusively to the profane world, and attempting to vindicate their numerous illegal acts by arguments foreign to the principles of Masonry. Allusion is made in strong condemnatory terms, and repudiation of those parties who made such a ridiculous political belligerent demonstration on the outer walls of Paris during the siege under the Commune, with banners and regalia of the order exposed to public ridicule, and shouting their favorite political motto of *Liberty, Equality, Fraternity*.

But the feeble attempt at vindication was abortive, and the odium brought upon themselves has at last recoiled upon them in just retribution and condemnation from the Masonic family at large, for having independently ignored the ancient laws and regulations that have preserved the Society in unity in every other jurisdiction, and by so doing, manipulated and organized a series of so-called Masonic degrees of the Modern French Rite, which, like the Gallic race, have ever been a disturbing element among the family of nations.

When yet in the plenitude of their power, the rulers of the Grand Orient of France did not deign to consult the interest of other Grand Bodies, but, guided by their propagandist rule, insultingly invaded the well-established rights of this country, the protests against which they have not yet condescended to answer; and not contented with their oft-repeated illegal acts, they have at last given to themselves the finishing blow, which constitutionally deprives them of all recognition as a Masonic body. Their Official Bulletin informs us that, the office of Grand Master at their last meeting, September 4th ultimo, by a decided vote of 231 in favor to 18 against, was abolished. Thus the Grand Orient of France, as a Communist association, is now governed by a "Council of the Order," composed of thirty-three members, elected by the assembly, with the power of choosing a President and other officers among themselves, thus practically having thirty-three heads instead of one. Further comment we deem unnecessary relative to this farcical

state of affairs, and presuming another "Saint George" will be found in the form of public opinion to exterminate this new hydra-headed monster, we leave them to their natural fate, and bid a fraternal adieu.

The following appropriate extract from an editorial in *The Free-mason*, published in London, I insert as an endorsement of the American opinion in general, relative to the late unmasonic act of the Grand Orient of France:

"A BODY WITHOUT A HEAD.— * * * * * But the very idea of having a 'Master,' was evidently repugnant to the free and enlightened Republicans present, who doubtless viewed the Government of the Craft as they would a political machine, and resolved to mould it to their own purposes. In this, we believe, they have forgotten that the world contains many Masonic Grand Lodges and many thousands of Masons besides those who affect the lambskin in France, and they need to be reminded that the landmarks of the institution are not to be removed at the caprice or studied resolve of any body or section of the order. In thus setting at defiance public Masonic opinion throughout the universe, they are simply drifting into Anti-Masonry, and the sooner they avow themselves open foes to the ancient principles of Freemasonry the better it will be for the weal of the craft in general.

The suppression of the Grand Mastership, marks the close of the Monarchical era in Freemasonry. Such, in effect, were the words used by the Orator of the Grand Orient, in commendation of the recent ill-judged proceedings of that Body, and accepting those words in their literal sense, we can only assure our French brethren that their example is not likely to be followed by other Grand Lodges, and that the result of their violation of our most cherished landmarks will be excommunication from the Craft Universal; French Masons are already tabooed by half a million brethren in America, in consequence of the foolish invasion of State jurisdiction in Louisiana, which was countenanced by the Grand Orient in spite of the indignant protests of the Masonic governing Bodies in the United States.

We would, therefore, address a solemn warning to the authorities of the Craft in France, not to persevere in the mistaken and suicidal policy, which of late has seemed to dictate their acts. We implore them to retrace their steps, and to seek again 'the legitimate paths of Freemasonry, from which they have so sadly strayed.' The objects of the Masonic institution are not to be achieved by descending into the arena of political strife, and as the reputation of our Order is at stake, every true Mason will watch with anxiety the future course of the Brotherhood in France."

BELGIUM.

During my visit to Brussels in June last, I had the pleasure of making the agreeable acquaintance of Ill'. Bro'. LEOPOLD RICHE, the newly elected (Grand Sec'. of the Supreme Council, 33^o. for Belgium, and our Grand Representative, near that Grand Body, nominated in place of the late Bro'. HENRI J. PEETERS, deceased.

Being favored with a complete file of the official publications of that Grand Body, I segregate therefrom, the subjoined historical sketch of the foundation and progress of that Masonic Power, which may be found of value as a matter of reference.

On the 30th of August, 1806, Cambacares was installed as M'. P'. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33^o, of France, at which

time the Scottish Lodges and Chapters of Belgium, then a part of the French Empire, owed allegiance to that Sup'. Con'. When the Kingdom of the Netherlands was founded, it became necessary for the security of the institution to establish a Supreme Masonic Power within its limits, independent of all foreign jurisdiction. The political events of 1815 have caused a suspension of the labors of the Supreme Council of France, and sent into exile many of its members, among them Ill'. Bro'. Gen'l Jean Pascal Rouyer, who established his residence at Brussels, and on the 15th day of January, 1817, a petition was addressed to him with the view of creating a Supreme Council for the Netherlands, under his power as a Sov'. Gr'. Ins'. Gen'. He conferred the Thirty-third degree on a sufficient number, and duly opened and set at labor the Supreme Council, 33°, for Belgium, being the same Grand Body with which we are now in relations of amity. Ill'. Bro'. Rouyer only retained his supervisory power until the month of March following, when Ill'. Bro'. Jas. A. Crassous was unanimously elected Lieut'. Gr'. Com'., and Ill'. Bro'. F. Jacotot, Gr'. Sec'. Gen'. H'. E'. On the following day, Ill'. Bro'. Rouyer delivered to the Supreme Council a patent of Constitution, which is carefully preserved in an "Iron Chest." On the 12th of June, 1818, a Constitution was adopted, and warrants granted to one Body of each class, including a Symbolic Lodge. The office of Sov'. Gr'. Com'., which had remained vacant from the first organization of the Sup'. Con'., was filled by the unanimous choice of Ill'. Bro'. Stevens on the 16th day of February, 1840, and on the 21st of March following, he was duly installed.

From that time forward, the Sup'. Con'. has quietly pursued its labors, and drawn closer the bonds of amity and friendship uniting it with the principal Masonic authorities of the world, but is not exempt from the occasional bigoted persecution of the ultramontanist party, who unfortunately still wield a strong power in Belgium. At the present date, they have under their obedience seven Symbolic Lodges, six Chapters of Rose Croix, one Areopagus of the 30°; a Court of Commanders, and a College of the Royal Axe.

There is also a "Grand Orient" for Belgium, with its centre at Brussels, having several Symbolic Lodges under its jurisdiction, but as they permit political and religious discussions in their assemblies, they having abolished the regulation, prohibiting the same in their Masonic jurisdictions, the Sup'. Con'. of Belgium has no Masonic intercourse with them.

ITALY.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, ORIENT OF TURIN.

During my late journey through Italy, I was not favored with an opportunity of again meeting with the members of the Sup'. Con'. at Turin; but since my return I have received from their Representative in this city, the enclosed official documents relative to a treaty of Union and Submission of parties claiming to be a Grand Body, located at

Naples, with the Sup'. Con'. at Turin; also their endorsement of the joint protest from the Southern and our Supreme Body, against the unwarrantable aggression of the Grand Orient of France.

From the documents forwarded it appears that the Supreme Council at Turin, have steadily maintained their position, increased their authority, and extended their jurisdiction in the government of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, while the Grand Orient located at Florence, have failed to produce any additional evidence or right to govern the higher degree. The arguments submitted by the two Grand Bodies having been communicated in my previous reports, I have only to add for the consideration of our Sup'. Con'. , whether the arguments submitted will justify us in recognizing the Supreme Council at Turin, as the governing Grand Body of the Ancient Accepted Rite for Italy; and I recommend the subject to your favorable consideration.

PORUGAL.

Since my last report I have forwarded to the Grand ORIENT LUSITANO UNIDO, SUPREME COUNCIL 33°, DA MACONARIA PORTUGUEZA, the Official recognition of our Grand Body, copy of which is herewith submitted; also the diploma to Ill'. Bro'. Dr. DA CUNHA BELLEM, 33°, as our Grand Rep'.

The Supreme Council, 33°, of Ireland, having most courteously endorsed our decision, has also recognized the United Grand Body for Portugal, and recalled the warrants issued by them in 1857 to establish bodies of the A'. A'. S'. Rite, at Lisbon. Our Portuguese Brethren are thus on the high road to Masonic prosperity, and we may with much joy, wish them abundant success, in a land where the members of the Order have been so barbarously persecuted by the demons of religious intolerance.

(COPY.)

T'. T'. G'. O'. T'. G'. A'. O'. T'. U'.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS, ORDO AB CHAO.

From the East of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Most P'. Sov'. Gr'. Ins'. Gen'l'. of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, under the C'. C'. of the Zenith, near the B'. B'. , answering to the 42° 21' 22" N. Lat., and 5° 59' 18" E. Long.

GRAND EAST, BOSTON, MASS.

UNION, TOLERATION, POWER.

BY THE MOST P'. SOV'. GR'. COMMANDER.

To the CONDE DE PARATY, Grand Master, Sov'. Gr'. Com'. , and other Ill'. Brethren composing the Grand Orient Lusitano Supremo Conselho, 33°, da Maconaria Portugueza, Grand East of Lisbon.

HEALTH! HEALTH! HEALTH!

We, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Most P'. Sov'. Gr'. Com'. of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Rite for the Northern Masonic

Jurisdiction of the United States of America, having carefully examined the reports submitted to us, relative to the Masonic bodies in Portugal, by our Ill^r. Grand Foreign Representative and greatly desiring to establish regular communication and closer relations of amity with all Supreme Councils, 33°, that have been regularly established according to, or on the basis of, the Ancient Constitutions of 1702 and 1786 for the government of the Ancient Accepted Rite of Freemasonry, hereby acknowledge, declare, and proclaim, that by the Union of the Supreme Council, 33°, Grand Orient Portugueza, and the Grand Orient Lusitano, on the 30th day of October, 1869, V.^r. E.^r, under the name and title of *Grand Orient Lusitano Unido Supremo Conselho, 33°, da Maconaria Portugueza*, having its Grand East at Lisbon, said last named Body is the only regular and legitimate Masonic authority for the Kingdom of Portugal.

For the purpose of cementing more closely the bonds of fraternal alliance with your Puissant Grand Body, we have nominated and commissioned Ill^r. Bro^r. Dr. DA CUNHA BELLEM, 33°, member of your Most Puissant Supreme Council to be our Grand Representative and Guarantor of Amity near you, and pray that you will receive and welcome him as such with the honors that are appropriate.

We do also request you to be pleased to appoint a Grand Representative of Amity of your Supreme Council near us, and do present to you the name of our Ill^r. Bro^r. ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°, Sov^r. Gr^r. Ins^r. Gen^r. and active member of our Supreme Council, whose appointment by you will be acceptable to us.

May our Father who is in Heaven, forever have you in His holy keeping.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, and caused these presents to be attested by our Ill^r. Grand Secretary Gen^r. of the Holy Empire, and the great Seal of our Supreme Council to be affixed, at our Grand East, this second day of the Hebrew Month ניון, A. M. 5631, corresponding to the 27th day of October, 1870, V.^r. E.^r.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

M.^r. P.^r. Sov^r. Gr Com^r.

[SEAL.]

DANIEL SICKELS, 33°,

Gr^r. Sec^r. Gen^r. H^r. E^r.

BRAZIL.

Communications have been received regularly from the Supreme Council, 33°, and Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, Rio de Janeiro.

The Order throughout that jurisdiction continues on the increase, and is doing good service in the cause of progress, by giving its influence and practical assistance to the cause of education, especially in the rural districts, where the rising generation have ever been kept in ignorance by and for the selfish interest of a religious organization, the avowed enemy of all institutions that teach progress and toleration. But amid the darkness of that ignorance and superstition, in which the human mind has been so long and extensively enslaved by the advocates of religious despotism, we may feel encouraged at the dawn of light, knowledge and truth, that will gladden the heart and enlighten the mind of all who may be released from the influence and serpent

coil of religious intolerance, and permitted henceforth to enjoy the privilege and blessings of EDUCATION, which our institution advocates, with a close adherence to the teachings of the highest morality.

At the regular meeting of the Lavradio Grand Body in June last, the *Ad Vitam* system of holding office was abolished, and that of the election of officers every five years adopted. Those elected for the ensuing five years are the same as mentioned in my last report.

The expected union with the irregular body of "Benedictinos" has not taken place, although the Lavradio Grand Body had made every laudable exertion consistent with their position and dignity to consummate the much-desired settlement on their part. Negotiations were still pending, with a reasonable hope that this truly unfortunate family separation would soon be amicably settled, or the "Benedictinos" soon cease to exist by natural decay.

The following official communication, just received, is important as an endorsement of the decision of our Supreme Council in withdrawing all relations of amity from the Grand Orient of France, for their gross violation of Masonic jurisdiction, by recognizing a spurious so-called Masonic Grand Body, in the territory of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

T.: T.: G.: O.: T.: G.: A.: O.: T.: U.:

IN THE VALLEY OF LAVRADIO.

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25th of September, 1871, V.: E.:

To the Most Puissant Supreme Council of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at the Grand Orient of Boston (Massachusetts):

H.: H.: H.:

ILL.: AND DEAR BRETHREN:

I have the honor to communicate to you, that our Grand Body, at its session of the 22d inst., approved the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and adopted the following resolutions proposed by them, which have reference to the relations of amity that unite us with your Grand Body:

1st. That we consider as spurious and illegitimate the so-called Supreme Council for the Free, Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana.

2d. That we consider the Grand Orient of France has unlawfully transgressed the jurisdictional right of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, by recognizing an unlawful, illegitimate, and spurious body of expelled Masons, as a lawful Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree, its peer and equal.

3d. That we consider the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana has been injured in her just and lawful prerogatives by the Decree of the Grand Orient of France.

4th. That we consider the submission of the Grand Orient of France, burning its incense at the foot of the throne of Bourbons and Bonapartes, is a flagrant violation of its apostleship of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

5th. That we protest against the claim that the Grand Orient of France arrogates to enact violent reforms, setting up itself as a superior to all other Masonic Powers of the world.

6th. That we communicate to all the Lodges of this jurisdiction, that our Temples are closed against all Masons of the Grand Orient of France, and that all Masons of its jurisdiction are forbidden to visit any bodies of this jurisdiction, or to recognize as Masons any who acknowledge the supremacy of that Grand Orient.

7th. That this suspension of the amicable relations will continue until the Grand Orient of France disavows its decree of 8th July, 1869, and the dispositions in reference to the so-called Supreme Council of Louisiana.

8th. That we recognize henceforward, as the sole legitimate Supreme Power of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in France, and for its Dependencies, the Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree, installed in 1804 by the Count De Grass, under authority from the Supreme Council, 33°, of Charleston, and over which the Ill.^r. Bro.^r. Adolphe Cremieux presides, and of which the Ill.^r. Bro.^r. Vicomte de Lajonqueire is Sec.^r. Gen^r.

9th. That a translation be made into English of that part of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in reference to the letter of denunciation and appeal of the Supreme Council for the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions of the United States, and printed copies forwarded to all the American Masonic Powers.

The printed report with the transactions will be forwarded soon as ready. And with every assurance of my very high esteem, I remain,

Yours, very fraternally,

DR. ALEXANDRINO FREIRE DO AMARAL, 33°,

[SEAL.]

Gr.^r. Secty.^r. Gen^r. H.^r. E.^r.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The sad mortality caused by the ravages of the yellow fever epidemic in the City of Buenos Ayres during the past summer, caused a general suspension of labor in all the Lodges throughout that jurisdiction, from the effects of which they have not entirely recovered.

The Masonic Commission of relief were in active operation during the epidemic, giving aid and assistance to all persons indiscriminately during the fearful scourge; several of the Commission were stricken down with the fever, and among those who fell martyrs in the cause of their faithful devotion to suffering humanity, was Ill.^r. Bro.^r. José Roque Perez, 33°, the founder of the Sup.^r. Con.^r. for that jurisdiction, Past Sov.^r. Gr.^r. Com., and Gr.^r. Representative of our Sup.^r. Con.^r. near that Grand Body.

Bro.^r. Perez was a leading citizen, able lawyer, and one of the most upright, energetic, progressive and useful men of his time, having taken an active part in most of the leading political events of his country since 1840, in which year he was banished by the tyrant Rosas, but soon returned and successfully filled several responsible positions under government, his last important mission being the settlement of the delicate and difficult questions between his Government and Paraguay, in which capacity he showed marked diplomatic ability, and was highly complimented by his Government.

When the yellow fever became epidemic in Buenos Ayres in December, 1870, Bro'. Perez was elected President of the "Commission Popular," and in the noble discharge of his duty in succoring the sick, distressed and destitute, he contracted the illness which terminated fatally.

His loss is truly a heavy blow to the Order in that jurisdiction; ever ready to assist by his presence, his council and his eloquence in the discharge of every duty for the interest of the fraternity, he leaves a bright Masonic record for those who succeed him, to imitate.

With feelings of profound sympathy, we send our sincere condolence to those who mourn with us the loss of our much lamented Brother, and as the blessings of health and abundance again favor the Brethren in that distant jurisdiction, we shall hope to hear of their renewed energy, success, and Masonic prosperity.

I forward herewith, an official communication with three names, from which we are requested to select one as our Gr'. Rep.', in place of Bro'. Perez, deceased; and I recommended the appointment of Ill'. Bro'. Daniel Maria Cazon, 33', Past Sov'. Gr'. Com'. of that Grand Body.

URUGUAY.

No official communications have been received from this Grand Body since my last report. The civil war which has continued for the past two years in that Republic, has seriously interfered with the progress of the country in general, and of Masonry in particular, and their labors for a time were suspended.

The following manifesto was issued in November last, by the Grand Orient of Uruguay, Valley of Montevideo:

"Civil war with its train of calamities has again fallen upon the inhabitants of this wretched country, and the efforts of a few upright men have failed to prevent the evil. The Masonic Lodges have hitherto looked on as mute spectators, although their sublime mission of Humanity should have urged them to make an effort to check unbridled and sanguinary passions.

"When this city was visited by pestilence, the Masons attended to the sufferers and the orphans; wherever the plague fell, there the hand of kindness soon made itself felt. Now that the emergency is far more pressing, why should we remain in the background?

"It is said, indeed, that we are bound not to meddle in political questions, but surely these can be settled without having recourse to arms. Wars, duels and the like, have never served to further the interests of Humanity, but only to shed blood uselessly. We do not meddle in politics when as Freemasons, we protest against the adjustment of difficulties by the barbarous and lawless use of arms. To-morrow or after, when the strife is over, what is the spectacle that will meet our eyes? Ruin, grief and desolation, piles of corpses, the bleeding remains of men who only a few days before met as brothers. The figure of Cain exulting over the scene.

"How could Freemasons look on quietly, while their conscience and inmost feelings would upbraid them with remorse? It is proposed, therefore, that we call a general Masonic Meeting, to advise as to what measures we should adopt in the present exigency."

CHILE.

In my report of 1866, I gave a synoptical history of Masonry in Chile to that date. The irregular, self-constituted Grand Lodge of Chile, which was organized in April, 1862, was a misfortune for the progress of Masonry in that country, as no foreign Grand Body that was familiar with the facts of its clandestine organization gave it recognition; and, in consequence, our Order has not progressed with that desired solidity in a land where priesthood and intolerance has so long held the masses in servile obedience, and where against their power, hatred and religious fanaticism, our Order has ever had to battle. For the purpose of meeting these obstacles with a legitimate authority, I advocated the establishment of a Supreme Council, 33°, as the only means of organizing and uniting the various subordinate bodies working in different Rites, and under authority from Foreign Grand Bodies. After careful consideration and consultation with the two Supreme Councils in this country, the Supreme Council, 33°, of England, granted the proper authority, and I now have the pleasure of sending herewith the first Balustre from the SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, OF CHILE, which was regularly constituted with its Grand East at Valparaiso, on the 8th day of July last, with Ill'. Bro'. Juan de Diosmerino Benavente, 33°, as Sov'. Gr'. Com'. The Balustre being duly endorsed and recommended by the Supreme Council of England, we may with great joy, welcome the new Grand Body into our mystic union, and grant them the recognition desired, hoping they may succeed in firmly establishing our Rite and the principles of Freemasonry, throughout the now progressive Republic of Chile.

PERU.

With the exception of an official list of the officers, we have not been favored with any information from the Grand Orient and Supreme Council, 33°, of Peru, by which we can learn of the state of the Order in that Jurisdiction, since my report in 1866; but I am informed verbally, that the Lodges which have been permitted to locate at Lima and Callao, working under authority from foreign jurisdictions, absorb most of the initiates, and the native lodges are in consequence in a comparatively dormant condition; but the rapid progress and late extensive internal improvements in that country, we hope, will stimulate our brethren to again resume active labors under its now more progressive management.

UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.

We have not been favored with any official communications from the Grand Orient and Supreme Council, 33°, of New Granada (now Columbia), for several years; and it appears that they do not realize the fact that, they have had no representative near our Grand Body since 1869, as they have made no effort to continue or renew their relations of amity.

In my report of 1866, I mentioned the organization of a spurious grand body at Bogota, capital of the Republic, by his Excellency, Thomas C. De Mosquero, President, whose autocratic rule in this matter, was in keeping with his arbitrary acts in general during his term of office; and until he was exiled, Mosquero added a 34th degree to his ritual for what was then asserted to be political purposes, under the name of the "*New Columbian Order*." This association, claiming to be Masonic, was very properly declared irregular and spurious by the regular Grand Body, having its Orient at Cartagena, and a long correspondence took place, which was published at the time.

On Mosquero's return to Bogota last year, the "*New Columbian Order*" appears to have been resuscitated, and Juan M. Grau, Sov'. Gr.'. Com.'. of the Grand Body at Cartagena, being desirous of healing the difficulty with the dissidents at Bogota, by recognizing them as a separate and regular Supreme Council, he entered into a preliminary arrangement with their chief, which was submitted to the Supreme Council of New Granada, and, on motion, the Grand Secretary was approved; but the Grand Senate, which appears to be the body for deciding all administrative affairs, referred the matter to a committee, which reported very decidedly against recognizing the schismatic body or dividing the jurisdiction, but expressing a willingness to call a Special Constituent Assembly to revise the statutes so as to make them satisfactory and just to all, and still retain the jurisdiction of the New Granada Grand Orient intact. This Special Assembly was ordered to convene on the 30th day of July of the present year. The official results of that meeting has not reached us, but I am informed by brethren from that jurisdiction, that a satisfactory adjustment was made and the schism ended with the Grand Orient and Supreme Council, 33°, at Cartagena, the only recognized Grand Body; but of this fact it is important that we have official information before we can renew relations of amity with them, as the creations of two Supreme Councils, 33°, in that Republic would be a violation of the ancient constitutions.

The next important item taken from the Bulletin of the New Granada Grand Body, is the establishment and recognition by them of a Supreme Council, 33°, for Central America, Orient at San José de Costa Rica, of which the following is a

[TRANSLATION.]

GRAND ORIENT, NEW GRANADA.

(NOW COLUMBIA.)

Deus Meumque Jus.

HEALTH, STABILITY, POWER.

The Supreme Council of Sov'. Gr.'. Ins'. Genl.', 33°, having full authority from the Grand Senate in virtue of its powers derived from the constitutions of 1786, approved by Frederick II, King of Prussia, and governing the Masonic world, on the favorable report of the Grand

Orators and in accordance with the statutes approved by the Grand Senate, on the 10th day of April of the present year, has adopted by unanimous vote of its members present, at its sittings of the 19th inst., the following :

1st. That a Masonic body working the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, has been founded in the Valley of San José de Costa Rica, in the Republic of that name, on the 27th day of November, 1870, under the title of Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Central America.

2d. That this organization has been formed in a legal manner and in accordance with the letters patent forwarded by us.

3d. That according to the documents submitted, this power, having been founded in the same manner as all recognized bodies in the exercise of its rights and prerogatives, has founded Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Consistories, and performed all the labors of a Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

4th. That the said body has publicly and lawfully declared its adoption of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of thirty-three degrees, throughout its jurisdiction,

IT IS DECREED,

ART. 1st. The Supreme Council and Grand Orient of New Granada (now Columbia), in the regular and legal direction of all rites for the United States of Columbia and its possessions, declares by these presents, that it recognizes and confirms as regular, all the labors performed by the Central American Supreme Council, established at San José de Costa Rica, since 9th January last, and also authorizes and confirms all its future acts in the exercise of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of 33 degrees, throughout its territory and the possessions thereunto belonging.

ART. 2d. We urge and invite all Masonic authorities on the surface of the globe to recognize the future labors of the Central American Grand Orient and Supreme Council, situated in the Capital of San José de Costa Rica, as a regular and independent power of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, promising reciprocity for all Masonic bodies they may have legally constituted, and ordering of those subordinate to us respect for our will.

In witness whereof, we issue these presents, to serve when needed, all brethren composing the said Supreme Council, 33°, and Grand Orient of Central America, with the full authority and recognition of our Supreme Council, 33°, of New Granada (now Columbia).

Given in the Valley of Cartagena, Capital of the Grand Orient of New Granada (now Columbia), on the 1st day of the second Masonic Month, Jyar, 5871, corresponding to April 20th, 1871, V. E.

JUAN M. GRAU, 33°,

Sov'. Gr'. Com'.

BENJAMIN BAEND, 33°,

Lieut'. Gr'. Com'.

JUAN M. POMBO, 33°,

Gr'. Min'. of State.

JOSE ANGEL GOMER, 33°,

Gr'. Treas'. Gen'.

BENJAMIN J. MORENO, 33°,

Gr'. Sec'. Gen'.

And numerous others.

In consequence of the continued persecution, and anathemas hurled against Freemasonry by the adherents of religious fanaticism, at Cartagena, and other parts of the Country, being the usual absurd and

false statements of our old enemy against the principles of the Order, the Grand Orient deemed it of sufficient importance to reply and protest against the libellious preaching of unscrupulous Bishops and Priests, and the Grand Senate went so far as to officially commission Ill.^r. Bro.^r. Francisco de Zuribid, 33^r, residing in Paris, to obtain an audience with Pope Pius IX, submit the facts, and "solicit from him the withdrawal of the interdict which had been fulminated since immemorial times upon the Masonic order." Sov.^r. Gr.^r. Com.^r. JUAN M. GRAU, in his address to the Grand Body, April 9th, 1871, stated, that in consequence of the death of Bro.^r. Zuribid, which occurred at Paris, April 24th, 1870, before he had an opportunity of seeing the Holy Father, the Mission had not as yet accomplished any favorable results, but that he would endeavor to find another competent and zealous Brother who would undertake it.

While we appreciate the motives that actuate our faithful Brethren of New Granada in defending the Order, and endeavoring to remove what they no doubt believe to be an injury to the Craft, yet, a little studious reflection should teach them to realize, that the teachings and dogmas of Roman Catholicism are not in accordance with Masonic ideas of Truth, Toleration, and Progress, and hence there can be no sympathy or union between them. So long as Freemasonry adheres to its true principles and teachings, it will not require to ask a humiliating favor of a mortal being, or need to fear the results of Papal Bulls, which, like Infalibility dogmas, have ceased to be of importance, or a power, and Masonry, like the Rock of Ages, will remain unharmed by the venom so profusely hurled against it by the schismatic institutions that are gradually mouldering away as the world moves forward.

VENEZUELA.

No information has been received from the Grand Body, located at Caracas, for several years. Their Representative near our Sup.^r. Con.^r. resigned in 1869, and no effort appears to have been made since then to renew the relations of amity. The political troubles and civil wars which have repeatedly occurred and exists at the present time, has probably prevented the Brethren from giving that attention to Foreign Masonic Relations so much desired for the interest of the Craft at large.

A. G. GOODALL, 33^r,
General Foreign Representative.

New York, December 20th, 1872.

ORDO AB CHAO.

Ad Universi Terrarum Orbis Semni Architecti Gloriam.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

The Supreme Council, 33d and last degree, A.^r. & A.^r. S.^r. Rite, Grand East of Naples.

HEALTH, STABILITY, POWER.

Extract from the minutes of the Supreme Council, 33d degree, for the Jurisdiction of Italy, under the gavel of A. De Mibitz, Orient of Turin, the 27th day of the M.^o. M.^o. Thebet, 5631, to be transmitted to Ill.: Bro.: Dominico Anghera, 33^o, Orient of Naples:

Our Ill.: Bro.: Tomaso Zahorowski, 33^o, Grand Chancellor, Gr.: Ins.: Gen.:, finding upon his arrival in Naples with other Ill.: Brethren of the Valley of Sebeto, the general discord prevailing in Italian Masonry, principally caused by the disunion of the governing Bodies existing in the different Orients of the Italian Peninsula; on that occasion named our Ill.: Chancellor, together with Bro.: Dominico Anghera, 33^o, near the Valley of the Po, sitting at Turin, recognized by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States (Mother Supr.: Council of the World), as the only, and Supreme Masonic Power existing in Italy, to enter into a treaty to establish the preliminaries of a union between the various Bodies of the Valley of the Sebeto, with those of the Valley of the Po, to be submitted to each of the Bodies, and after their deliberation and approval, to be carried into effect.

The Supreme Council of the 33d Degree, sitting at Turin, at its session of the 27th day of the month, Thebet, 5631, having approved the intention of such union, and not wishing to prejudice the authority of the Valley of Sebeto, sitting at Naples, animated by the spirit of harmony and fraternal love, giving special attention to the utility and prosperity of the Masonic Family, by cementing the desired union, and binding together the scattered members of the craft, in their respective Valleys, and to this effect, having sent a copy of the projected treaty to the Supreme Council at Naples for deliberation and approval, and having itself approved the same, has named Ill.: Bro.: Zerahowski to transmit the same to Bro.: Anghera, that he may submit the same at the Session of the Supr.: Council, 33^o, for the Valley of the Sebeto, sitting at Naples, and to the Bodies under its authority.

GENERAL TREATY OF UNION

Between the Neapolitan Grand Orient and the Grand Orient of Italy, under the auspices of the Supreme Council, 33^o, A.: & A.: S.: R.:, sitting at Turin.

ART. I. The Neapolitan Grand Orient is perpetually united with the Grand Orient of Italy, under the auspices of the Supreme Council, 33^o, at Turin.

ART. II. The Neapolitan Grand Orient will faithfully observe the Statutes and Regulations adopted by the said Supreme Council, which are those in force in the United States of America.

ART. III. The Supreme Council, 33^o, is recognized as the true guardian of the dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and no proposition shall be made to reform or change the Statutes, Rituals and lectures of the Rite, as ordained by the said Supreme Council.

ART. IV. The Supr.: Council at Naples united to that of Turin, will form an integral part of it under the title of Supreme Council, 33^o, for the Jurisdiction of Italy, sitting at Turin, session in the Valley of Sebeto.

ART. V. The Council at Naples, from the moment of its union with the Supreme Council at Turin, will not confer the 33d degree, except with the unanimous consent of all the 33ds composing the Supreme Council for the Jurisdiction of Italy, residing at Turin.

ART. VI. The session at Naples retains entire authority and direction over all subordinates (save of the 32d grade,) which have heretofore, or may hereafter owe it allegiance in the Valley of the Sebeto.

ART. VII. Copies of all decrees issued by the session at Naples, are to be sent to the Supreme Council at Turin and preserved in its archives.

ART. VIII. Cause of discipline arising in the Bodies under the supervision of the session at Naples, will be passed upon by that authority, but its final decision shall be communicated to the Supreme Council at Turin.

ART. IX. The session at Naples shall have the sole right to levy upon its subordinates, such taxes or assessments as may be required by its Treasury, but shall contribute to the expense of correspondence and representation, for which, accounts are to be rendered to the Grand Treasurer.

ART. X. The Supreme Council reserves to itself the right to inquire into the regularity and existence of the various Bodies subordinate to the Neapolitan Grand Orient, as well as the appointment of representatives, and direction of the correspondence.

ART. XI. This treaty is to extend to (under sanction of the session of the Sup.: Council, 33°, for the Valley of Sebeto,) the Grand Consiistry, Supreme Tribunal, and Conclave of Knights K—h, 30°, each for itself. Their act recognizing the union of the two bodies of the Po and Sebeto, to be duly signed, authenticated by the session of the Valley of Sebeto, and forwarded to the Supreme Council at Turin.

ART. XII. Upon receiving the adhesion named in the foregoing Article, the Supreme Council at Turin, will issue a Balustre of acknowledgment to the session in the Valley of Sebeto, admitting it to the great Italian Masonic Family, with competent authority in the said Valley of Sebeto.

ART. XIII. The Supreme Council, 33°, sitting at Turin, reserves the right to decide what officer or Masonic body it deems worthy to illustrate the great family, to extend its influence and maintain its respect under the Supreme Council.

ART. XIV. The Supreme Council sitting at Turin, Jurisdiction of Italy, faithful to its promises and to its previous history, considers the seat of its Supreme Authority at Turin as provisional, but conclusive until Rome is the Capital of Italy.

ART. XV. This Supreme Council, hoping to unite in a single organization the Masonic Centres and independent bodies, will invite the assent of all its subordinates to the Convocation of a General Masonic Assembly, with a view to the creation of a *single Supreme Council*, having jurisdiction in Italy, and sitting at Rome, its Capital, thus forming an Italian Grand Orient.

ART. XVI. The Supreme Council now sitting at Turin, will recognize the voice and sovereign power of the Grand Masonic Assembly, and will consider itself as an integral part of the Masonic family, subordinate to the only Supreme Council at Rome, as the only legal Masonic Power in Italy.

ART. XVII. The Supreme Council now resident at Turin, will enter into correspondence with all other bodies to agree upon, and fix a time for the regular and legal holding of a General Masonic Assembly.

ART. XVIII. The conditions of this treaty are, that it shall go into effect as soon as it has been ratified by the two parties—to wit: The Supreme Council (session) sitting at Naples, and the Supreme Council, Jurisdiction of Italy, sitting at Turin.

A true copy of the original in the archives of the Supreme Council at Turin.

TURIN, Jan. 25th, 1871, (V.: E.:) 3d day of Sebat, A.: L.: 5681.

DE MILBITZ,

Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

MAURICE ZANARIO,

Gr.: Secty.: Gen'l.:

S. T. ZABROWSKI,
Gr.: Chancellor.

Approbation and ratification of the Treaty of Masonic Union, between the Valley of the Sebeto and the Valley of the Po, and recognizing the latter as temporarily representing the regularly recognized supreme Masonic authority for the Jurisdiction of Italy.

T.: T.: G.: O.: T.: S.: A.: O.: T.: U.:

ORDO AB CHAO.

We, Dominico Anghera. Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: Gen'l.:, 33d and last degree of the A.: A.: S.: Rite and Gr.: Commander, *ad vitam*.

At the meeting of the Supreme Council regularly convened, on the 14th day of the twelfth Masonic month, *Adar*, A. L. 5870, corresponding to the 14th February, 1871, V.: E.:, under the Celestial canopy of the Zenith, having maturely the treaty of union between our Valley of the Sebeto and that of the Po, which possesses the sovereign Masonic power of the lawful Italian Jurisdiction, and considering the Masonic advantages which must result from such union, and having unanimously and without debate approved the same, we, by these presents, do hereby ratify and approve the said treaty in all and singular its provisions, promising on our honor and Masonic faith to observe it, and cause it to be observed by all means in our power. Wherefore, we command all Brethren, all Lodges, Chapters, Colleges, Areopagi, Grand Councils and Consistories, subject to the jurisdiction of the Valley of the Sebeto, to observe this treaty and cause the same to be rigorously observed, and to enter a copy of the same on their respective books of record without further official order.

We invite our Ill.: Brethren Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: Gen'l.:, 33^r, to recognize and assent to these presents, as also our Sublime and Valorous Princes of the Royal Secret, Grand Inspectors, Enquiring Commanders and our Knights Grand Elect K—h, to oversee and aid in its execution, and not suffer any opposition thereto.

In testimony whereof, we and our brethren, Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: -Gen.:, protectors, and true conservators of the 83d and last degree of the A.: & A.: S.: Rite, members of our Supreme Council sitting in the Valley of the Sebeto, have signed the present Balustre, and have caused the seal to be affixed in our presence.

Given in Supreme Council of the Valley of Sebeto, the 14th day of the XIIth month, *Adar*, A.: L.: 5870. 14th of February, 1871, V.: E.:

[L. S.]

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

(Signed),

DOMINICO ANGHERA, 33°, Sov.: G.: C.: *Ad Vitam.*
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RUSPORUTIUI LUIGI, 33°

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CREVINO FRANELLO, 33°

Gr.: Com.: MARAVIGLIA DONATO, 33°

By order of the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com. *Ad vitam*, and of the Supreme Council of the Valley of Sebeto, chief protectors and true conservators of the Order.

Certified, countersigned, stamped and sealed with the stamps and seals of the Order, according to the usage of the Supreme Council, by our Grand Chancellor and Grand Secretary-Gen.:, and Guardian of the Seals and Archives of the Holy Empire for the Valley of the Sebeto.

(Signed),

LUIGI RUSPORTIUI, 33°,

Ill.: Gr.: Chancellor.

(Signed), MARAVIGLIA DONATO, 33°,

[L. S.] *Gr.: Keeper of Seals and Archives.*

(Signed),

PERZAHY ANGELO, 33°,

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:

A true copy from the original.

Dr. ZIMATTO RIBOLI, 33°.

Representative of the Gr.: O.: of Charleston.

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GRAND EAST, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.
1871.

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1870, '71, '72.

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**FURTHER REPORT
OF
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
EXTRA REPORT ON JEWELS,
MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, &c.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 12th, 1871.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,*M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander:*

The Committee on Finance report progress. They have thoroughly audited the account of the Grand Secretary, from June 16, 1870, to date, and find it correct. The following tabular statements show the receipt of dues from the Bodies, and the amount remaining unpaid:

| | Dues unpaid June 16, 1870. | Amount since paid. | Amount remitted. | Balance due. |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | \$1,697. | \$756 | \$110 | \$881 |
| Recommended in this report for remittance | | | | 121 |
| Balance due | | | | \$710 |
| | Dues of term ending July 1, 1871. | Amount paid. | Balance due. | No. of Bodies making no Returns. |
| Maine | \$252 | \$252 | | |
| New Hampshire | 64 | 64 | | 2 |
| Vermont | 17 | 17 | | |
| Massachusetts | 820 | 820 | | |
| Rhode Island | 126 | 126 | | |
| Connecticut | 157 | 157 | | |
| New York | 1,804 | 1,225 | 579 | 9 |
| New Jersey | 515 | 515 | | |
| Pennsylvania | 953 | 953 | | 5 |
| Ohio | 585 | 585 | | |
| Indiana | 242 | 227 | 15 | 18 |
| Illinois | 1,100 | 1,100 | | 4 |
| Michigan | 223 | 223 | | 11 |
| Wisconsin | 72 | 72 | | |
| | — | — | — | — |
| | \$6,930 | \$6,386 | \$504 | 44 |

The total of dues paid since June 16, 1870, is \$7,092

The total of dues remaining unpaid Dec. 12, 1871, is 1,425

The number of candidates elected to the honorary grade of the thirty-third degree, is as follows:

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| Elected in 1869 | 6 |
| " " 1870 | 46 |
| " " 1871 | 51—103 |
| Time not extended for | 1—102 |
| Received the degree before Nov. 7, 1871 | 45—57 |
| Received the degree from Nov. 7 to Dec. 12, 1871, | 18 |
| Number to whom the degree is still due , | 39 |

The receipts of the Grand Secretary, in addition to the amounts reported by the Committee on Finance, Nov. 17, 1871, are as follows:

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| Fees for the thirty-third degree | \$1,800 |
| Dues of Subordinate Bodies | 1,934 |
| For diplomas | 13 |
| " rituals | 8 |
| " dispensations | 250 |
| Total | \$4,005 |

All of which has been paid to the Grand Secretary-General.

The only amount owed the Supreme Council, otherwise than for the annual dues is at the present time:

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| For diplomas | \$150 |
| " certificates of membership | 110 |
| Total | \$240 |

The Committee, for good reasons, recommend that the dues of several Bodies be remitted as follows :

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| Rhode Island Consistory, R. I. Dues of 1869 | \$15 |
| Do. Council, " " " and 1870 | 11 |
| Van Rensselaer Lodge, " " 1879 | 9 |
| St. John's Consistory, Pennsylvania, 1870 | 5 |
| Do. Chapter, " " " | 5 |
| Do. Council, " " " | 5 |
| Do. Lodge, " " " | 32 |
| Vigo Chapter, Indiana, | 2 |
| Illinois Council, Illinois, | 37 |
| Total | \$121 |

Which will leave a balance of dues unpaid June 16, 1870, of \$710
And a balance of dues of the term ending July 1, 1871, unpaid of 594

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| Total, | \$1,304 |
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There are forty-four bodies which have made no returns for the term ending July 1, 1871 ; and your Committee recommend :

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send lists of these inexcusably negligent Bodies to the Deputies of their several States, for prompt action ; and also lists of the Bodies delinquent in the payment of dues in accordance with the returns already made ; and that the Deputies shall be ordered to collect the amounts due forthwith ; or, in case of further neglect, proceed to summarily terminate the existence of the offending Bodies.

That the Grand Secretary shall also be instructed to report to the Sov.: Gr.: Commander on the 1st of March, 1872, all the Bodies then owing dues, stating the amounts, for his final action thereon.

Were all the moneys which have been appropriated already paid, the balance which would remain to-day in the Treasury, would not vary much from \$6,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, | } | Committee |
| R. M. C. GRAHAM, | | on |
| R. W. LANDON, | | Finance. |

FURTHER REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BOSTON, December 16, 1871.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander:

The Committee on Finance have, under the authority and instructions given them at the last session of the Supreme Council, prepared a design of the Jewel of an Honorary Member, and they submit the following description of the Jewel, illustrated by the accompanying cut.

The Jewel of an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the thirty-third Degree, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the N.: M.: J.:, U. S. A., consists of a Teutonic Cross, on which rests a nine-pointed star, formed by three triangles of gold, one upon the other, and interlaced. From the lower part of the left side towards the upper part of the right, extends a sword, and in the opposite direction a hand of Justice. In the middle is the shield of the Order, blue; upon the shield is a double-headed Eagle of gold, its wings displayed, holding in its talons a two-edged sword of gold, placed horizontally, hilt to the right and point to the left. The Eagle is crowned with a golden diadem surmounted by a plain triangle of gold, its apex uppermost; on the dexter side of the shield is a golden balance, and on the sinister a golden compass resting on a golden square. Around the whole shield runs a stripe of blue, lettered in gold with the Latin words "Ordo ab Chao," at the top, and "Deus Meumque Jus," at the bottom; and this stripe is enclosed by a stripe of white, in which there is a serpent of gold, holding its tail in its mouth. The nine smaller triangles, formed by the intersection of the principal ones, are colored black, and on each is one of the letters that constitute the word S.: A.: P.: I.: E.: N.: T.: I.: A.:

The Jewel is suspended from a bar by a white ribbon, which passes in folds through an oval of the same length as the upper arm of the Teutonic Cross, to which the oval is firmly attached by a small knob.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, | } | Committee |
| R. M. C. GRAHAM, | | on |
| R. W. LANDON, | | Finance. |

Design approved,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
Sov.: G.: Com.:

ORIENTAL CONSISTORY, S.: P.: R.: S.:

District of Illinois,

VALLEY OF CHICAGO.

January 22d, 1872,

JOSIAH DRUMMOND, 33°, S.: G.: I.: G.:

Most Puissant Sov.: Grand Commander,

Supreme Council, A.: & A.: R.:

Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

MOST PUSSANT :

We, a special committee, delegated to convey to you, the thanks of Oriental Sov.: Consistory, for the handsome donation extended to this Consistory at the late Meeting of the Supreme Council, beg leave to tender to you, and through you to the Supreme Council, the earnest and sincere thanks of this Consistory, for the very generous and timely aid extended to assist us in restoring our properties destroyed by the late disastrous conflagration of Oct. 8th and 9th last.

In accepting this Fraternal Offering, Oriental Consistory pledges itself, that though our properties, the accumulation of years, have been entirely destroyed, it will, at no distant day, assume its former prominent position in the A.: A.: Rite. With feelings of respect and gratitude,

We have the honor to be, Fraternally, &c.,

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| WARREN G. PURDY, 33° , | } |
| GILBERT R. SMITH, 33° , | |
| THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33° , | |

Committee.

Attest :—

HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°,
Ill.: Com.-in-Chief.

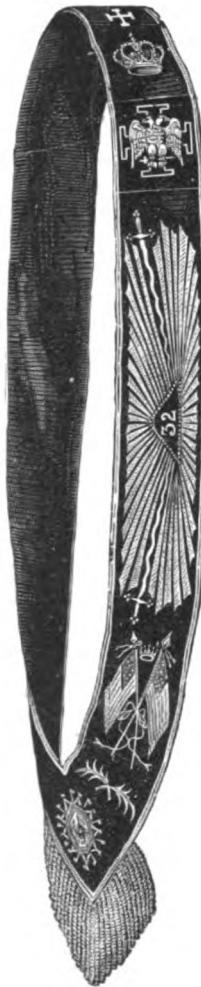
J. B. SLICHTER, 32°,
Ill.: Grand Sec.:

THE ORDER FOR 32° AND 33°.

ADOPTED AT CINCINNATI, 1870.

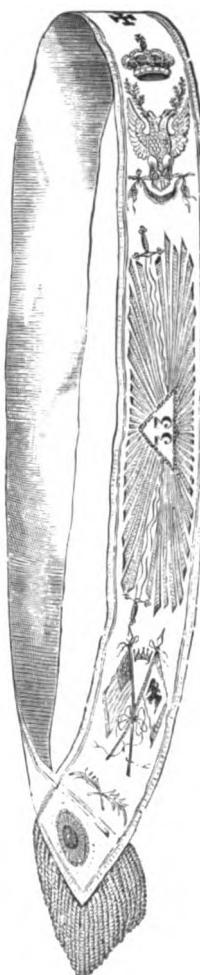
32°.

A black moire antique ribbon, four inches wide, lined with red, and trimmed with silver lace, and worn across the body from the left shoulder to the right hip; in the centre where it crosses the breast, a delta with rays, in the centre the figures 32 in Arabic characters; a naked dagger on each side pointing toward the figures; immediately above this, a large red teutonic cross, and upon it, and covering it, except the extremities or points, a double-headed silver eagle, with wings extended, grasping a two-edged naked sword in his talons; over the heads of the eagle a crown; and above this, at the point which rests upon the left shoulder a small red Maltese cross; below the delta two American flags, the staffs crossed, above, and between the staffs a ducal crown. All the foregoing in embroidery of gold, silver, etc.; below, and at the extremity which rests upon the right hip the tracing board of the grade painted and embroidered. The lower point of the order trimmed with silver bullion fringe.



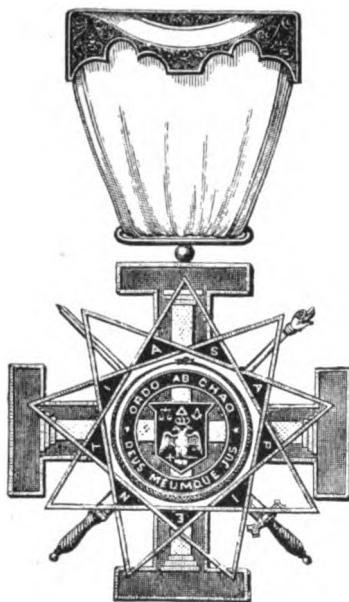
MEMBER'S SASH, 32°.

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MEMBER'S SASH, 33°.

The Regalia for officers of this Supreme Council shall be the Collar as now worn; substituting in place of the scarlet, "*Royal purple*" trimming; and for the Active Members, the Sash or Baldric, as now generally worn, excepting that, wherever red or scarlet appears, there shall be substituted, the *Royal purple*; the Honorary Members shall wear the Sash or Baldric now in general use.



JEWEL OF HONORARY MEMBER.

For description, see Report of Finance Committee, p. 107.

REPRINT OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SUPREME COUNCIL
OF

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite,

FOR THE

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
GRAND EAST, BOSTON, MASS., N. LAT. 42° 21' 22", E. LON. 5° 59' 18",
IN ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

COMMENCING

ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE HEBREW MONTH ELUL A.: M.: 5682,
ANSWERING TO THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1872.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, OF PORTLAND, MAINE,
M.:P.:Sov.: GRAND COMMANDER.

DANIEL SICKELS, 33°, OF NEW YORK,
ILL.: SECRETARY GENERAL, H.:E.:

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Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: Gen.:

88d DEGREE,

For the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S.

ANNUAL SESSION, 1872.

In accordance with action had at the last session in Boston, Mass., and in pursuance of summons issued, the SUPREME COUNCIL assembled at the rooms of Kane Lodge, No. 454, in the City of New York, on the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month Elul, A.M. 5632, answering to Tuesday, the seventeenth day of September, 1872, V.E.

The SUPREME COUNCIL was opened in due form at ten o'clock A.M.

The Divine blessing was invoked by the Rev. and Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES H. TITUS, of Boston, Mass., who was appointed Grand Prior for the Session.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, | <i>M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander.</i> |
| " ENOCH T. CARSON, | <i>P.: Gr.: Lt.-Commander.</i> |
| " CLINTON F. PAIGE, | <i>Gr.: Minister of State.</i> |
| " HEMAN ELY, | <i>Gr.: Treas.: Gen.: H.: E.:</i> |
| " DANIEL SICKELS, | <i>Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:</i> |
| " JOHN CHRISTIE, | <i>as Gr.: Keeper of the Archives.</i> |
| " ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON, | <i>Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| " HOMER STANLEY GOODWIN, | <i>Gr.: Marshal General.</i> |
| " ROBERT H. FOSS, | <i>Gr.: Standard Bearer.</i> |
| " SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, | <i>Gr.: Captain of Guards.</i> |
| " OTIS COLE, | <i>Gr.: Marshal of the Camp.</i> |

The roll of Active and Emeriti Members was called; and there were present as follows:

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| Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, | Ill.: NATHAN H. GOULD, |
| " DANIEL SICKELS, | " VINCENT L. HURLBUT, |
| " ORRIN WELCH, | " JOHN CHRISTIE, |
| " SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, | " HENRY C. BANKS, |
| " RICHARD M. BARKER, | " ALBERT G. GOODALL, |
| " ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON, | " ROBERT H. FOSS, |
| " CHARLES W. CARTER, | " WILLIAM R. HIGBY, |
| " JOHN SHEVILLE, | " HOMER STANLEY GOODWIN, |
| " ENOCH T. CARSON, | " KILLIAN H. VAN RENNSELAER, |
| " R. M. C. GRAHAM, | " GEORGE W. BENTLEY, |
| " RUFUS W. LANDON, | " ANTHONY E. STOCKER, |
| " D. BURNHAM TRACY, | " BENJAMIN DEAN, |
| " CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, | " THOMAS J. CORSON. |
| " JOSEPH D. EVANS, | " HEMAN ELY. |
| " ALVIN B. ALDEN, | |

EMERITI MEMBERS.

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| Ill.: FRANCIS A. BLADES, of Michigan. |
| " JOHN W. SIMONS, of New York. |

There were present, also, the following

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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| Ill.: ATHANASIUS COLOVELONI, | Ill.: ROBERT MACOY, |
| " ROBERT E. ROBERTS, | " WILLIAM F. CUSHING, |
| " ALBERT P. MORIARTY, | " ALBERT V. H. CARPENTER, |
| " JOHN MOON, | " JED. P. C. COTTRILL, |

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| III.: ROBERT H. WATERMAN, | III.: CHARLES H. TITUS, |
| " CHARLES H. THOMSON, | " ROYAL G. MILLARD, |
| " JOHN D. WILLIAMS, | " HENRY J. SHIELDS, |
| " THEODORE ROSS, | " FITZ GERALD TISDALE, |
| " CALVIN L. STOWELL, | " HENRY H. GETTY, |
| " CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, | " DANIEL W. WYMAN, |
| " JOSEPH J. JENNINGS, | " HOPKINS THOMPSON, |
| " FRANK L. STOWELL, | " CHARLES BECHTEL, |
| " EDMUND DANA BANCROFT, | " JAMES B. BRAYTON, |
| " OTIS COLE, | " JAMES M. AUSTIN, |
| " J. H. HOBART WARD, | " MARCUS HIGGINBOTHAM. |

The Grand Commander appointed Bro.: ROBERT E. ROBERTS, of New York, as Gr.: Seneschal for the session.

Bro.: ROBERT H. WATERMAN was appointed Marshal of the Camp for the session.

Bro.: CHARLES H. TITUS was appointed to assist at the Gr.: Secretary's desk during the session.

The Grand Commander read a letter from Bro.: WILLIAM P. PREBLE, of Maine, giving the reasons for his inability to be present at this session. On motion of Bro.: N. H. GOULD, the communication was received, and Bro.: PREBLE excused.

Bro.: ALDEN, of Wisconsin, stated that on account of affliction in his family, Bro.: HENRY L. PALMER would not be able to attend at this session; and moved that he be excused; which motion was adopted, and Bro.: PALMER excused.

The Grand Commander read a letter from Bro.: CAVEN, of Indiana, and on motion of Bro.: GRAHAM, of N. Y., the letter was received, and Bro.: CAVEN excused.

Bro.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT stated that Bro.: WALTER A. STEVENS, on account of severe illness in his family, and Bro.: H. A. JOHNSON, for reasons wholly beyond his control, would not be able to attend this session; and on motion, Bros.: STEVENS and JOHNSON were excused.

On motion of Bro.: JOHN W. SIMONS, Bro.: DOYLE, of

R. I., was excused for non-attendance, on account of severe illness.

On motion of Bro.: R. M. C. GRAHAM, the reading of minutes of last session was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed.

The M.: P.: Gr.: Commander then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

ILLUSTRIOS BRETHREN:

We are again permitted to greet each other in Supreme Council, and for the first time, during many years, we meet with full numbers. Since we separated last year, we have had no occasion to close up our ranks to fill a space made vacant by the falling out of comrades endeared to us by the ties of our Brotherhood and long association in its duties and labors. No one of our Active or Emeritus members has been taken from us, but all are spared to continue their labors in behalf of the Rite. This should kindle anew in us gratitude to our Father which is in Heaven, though *every moment of our lives* we owe to Him gratitude deeper than the human heart can feel, or the human mind can comprehend.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Immediately after the close of the session last year, charters were issued, as ordered by the Supreme Council, to

Delta Lodge of Perfection, Troy, N. Y.

Chenango Valley Lodge of Perfection, at Norwich, N. Y.

Norwich Council, Princes of Jerusalem, at Norwich, N. Y.

Jersey City " " " Jersey City, N. J.

Norwich Chapter, Rose Croix, Norwich, N. Y.

Jersey City " " Jersey City, N. J.

Excelsior " " Camden, N. J.

And the bodies commenced work under them.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

On the eighteenth of April last, I granted a dispensation for a Lodge of Perfection at Utica, New York; and as the body has not worked six months under a dispensation, I recommend that it be continued till the next Annual Session of the Supreme Council.

Within a few days, I have received a petition for a Lodge of Perfection, to be located at Newburgh, New York, properly recommended by the Deputy for that District. The time before this session was so brief, that although disposed to grant the dispensation, I determined to refer the matter directly to you; and the papers are herewith submitted.

Dispensations were granted at the last session to New Brunswick

Lodge of Perfection, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Fort Winnebago Lodge of Perfection, at Portage, Wisconsin; to Fort Winnebago Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Port Winnebago Chapter of Rose Croix, at Portage, Wisconsin; and the dispensations of Shrewsbury Lodge of Perfection, at Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania, and Templar Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at New York City, were continued.

The Council of Deliberation of New York, unanimously requests that a charter issue to Templar Council, and it also recommends that the Lodge of Perfection and Council of Princes, formerly existing at Watertown, apply to the Supreme Council for new warrants.

The New Jersey Council of Deliberation, recommend the issuing of a charter to New Brunswick Lodge of Perfection.

The Lodge U. D., Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania, which made no returns last year, has been at work during the past year and has made its returns and paid its dues.

The Bodies in Wisconsin, to which dispensations were granted, have made returns and sent up their dispensations and records; the Council of Deliberation in that District unanimously recommend that charters be granted.

CONFERRING THE THIRTY-THIRD GRADE DURING THE RECESS.

Pursuant to the resolution of the Supreme Council for conferring the grade during the recess, I have to report, that returns have been made of commissions duly issued, under which the grade was conferred as follows:

On December fifth, 1871, upon

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| Charles Richard Early, | of Bloomsburg, Penn. |
| Edward Stout Wykoff, | " Philadelphia, " |
| Andrew Robeno, Jr., | " " " |
| Thomas Ruz Davis, | " " " |
| John Sartain, | " " " |
| Isaac Muff, | " " " |
| Thos. Rankin Patton, | " " " |
| Mark Richards Muckle, | " " " |
| William Henry Egle, | " Harrisburg, " |
| James Madison Porter, | " Easton, " |
| Samuel Harper, | " Pittsburgh, " |

and William Henry Jefferys, " Camden, New Jersey.

On February seventh, 1871, upon

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| Peter S. Oliver, | of Penn Yan, New York. |
| George Babcock, | " Troy, " " |
| Mead Belden, | " Syracuse, " " |
| and Edward H. Brown, | " " " " |

On May ninth, 1872, upon

Alexander P. Huston, of Cincinnati, Ohio.
and Apollos M. Ross, " " "

On June twenty-eighth, 1872, upon

Orlin H. Miner, of Springfield, Illinois.
Nathan Fay Prentice, " Freeport, "
Samuel E. Seeger, " Quincy, "
James H. McVicker, " Chicago, "
Henry H. Getty, " " "
James H. Paddock, " " "
and Henry H. Pond, " " "

On August thirty-first, 1872, upon

Jed. Milo Clark Cottrill, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
DeWitt C. Hardy, of Michigan.
and Richard A. Bury, " "

And on the twelfth of September, instant, I convened the Active, Emeritus and Honorary members resident in Maine, and with the assistance of Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, of Massachusetts (to whom I am under great obligations for coming to Maine for that purpose), conferred the grade upon

John H. Lynde, of Bangor, Maine.

The other designate, Bro.: Stephen J. Young, of Brunswick, failed to receive the notice on account of absence from home, and was not present. Should he not be able to be present at this session, I ask that his time for receiving the grade be extended to the close of the next annual session.

I issued a commission to the Deputy for Indiana, to confer the grade upon Bros.: Thomas B. Shoaff, Robert J. Shaw, Algernon S. Chase, William H. Fogg and John A. Hutton. One attempt was made to execute the commission, but it failed for the want of the presence of three active members of the Supreme Council. Afterwards, application was made to me for authority for the Southern Supreme Council to confer the grade upon these brethren at its annual session, in Louisville. While I had no doubt that this body, had it foreseen the contingency, would have given the necessary authority, I decided that under our Constitution I had no power in the premises. As no return has been made of the commission, I presume the grade has not been conferred upon any of the designates from Indiana. One of them, Bro.: Robert J. Shaw, has written to me that his duties as a public officer will prevent his attendance at this session to receive the grade. He requests that the time be extended till the close of our next annual session.

The following designates (in addition to those from Indiana and Maine) have not received the grade, viz: Edward R. Landon, of Michigan; Gilbert W. Barnard, John J. Steiger, and A. H. Swain, of Illinois; James H. Hopkins, and Geter C. Shidle, of Pennsylvania; and Andrew J. Warner, of New York.

INVASION OF JURISDICTION.

I regret to be compelled to announce that formal complaint has been made to me by Ill.: Bro.: T. D. HARINGTON, of Canada, that residents in the Dominion have received the degrees of the Rite in this jurisdiction without the permission of the proper authorities. Upon investigation, however, it appeared that the complaint was well founded in but two instances. In October, 1870, De Witt Clinton Consistory, at Boston, conferred the degrees upon J. G. Arthur Le Blanc, of Montreal; and in February last Massachusetts Consistory conferred them upon Arthur Fletcher, then of Montreal, now of Halifax, Nova Scotia. I regret this the more, because the Ill.: Deputy for Massachusetts in 1869 called the attention of subordinates to the subject, and urged the exercise of great vigilance to avoid infringing upon the jurisdiction of others, and the Council of Deliberation of that year endorsed his views. Upon notice of this invasion of jurisdiction, Ill.: Bro.: LAWRENCE took decisive steps to prevent any further encroachments; and Ill.: Bro.: HARINGTON expressed his full satisfaction with what had been done.

Since the close of the correspondence upon this subject, and within a few days, I have received a letter from Bro.: Fletcher, in which he complains that he is not recognized in that jurisdiction. I suggest that measures be taken to procure for him, if practicable, recognition.

In March last I received a letter from Ill.: Bro.: PIKE, Grand Commander of the Southern Supreme Council, stating that he had information, believed to be authentic, that brethren in *that* jurisdiction had been invited by bodies in *this* to come over and receive the degrees, and desiring my interposition. Of course I assured him that such proceedings would not be tolerated by this Supreme Council, and stated that I believed it would turn out that the report was not well founded. I took the precaution, however, to call the attention of the Deputies in the border States to the matter, and as I have heard nothing further from Bro.: PIKE, I presume no cause of complaint arose.

Two causes operate powerfully, both in Canada and in the Southern Jurisdiction, to induce brethren to desire to receive the degrees from us: 1. The fees are less; 2. There is no time fixed with us which must intervene between the conferring of the several grades. In the Southern Jurisdiction, two years must intervene between the fourteenth and thirty-second degrees; while in Canada, the time is still longer. We should, therefore, be exceedingly careful not only not to

receive candidates without consent, but also not to encourage them to ask consent; as, if one obtains his degrees here, it inevitably creates dissatisfaction with others who cannot do the same. There may be, as there have been, some special circumstances in rare cases, which would render such an application proper; and in those cases, I have no doubt the proper authorities would grant consent, as Grand Commander PIKE has done in one case during the past year.

TRUSTEES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

I am happy to announce that the Trustees of the Supreme Council, appointed at the last session, have procured from the Legislature of Massachusetts a very favorable act of incorporation. The powers and privileges granted are valuable, giving us further and useful means of increasing the stability and prosperity of our beloved rite throughout the jurisdiction. I requested the Trustees to organize formally, and be ready to enter upon the discharge of their duties, and they have done so. A copy of the act of incorporation is herewith submitted; and while it does not require to be accepted by you to give it force, I trust you will express your approval of it.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

CANADA. The claim of the Supreme Council of Scotland to concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Council of England, &c., in the Dominion of Canada, raises many important and delicate questions, questions which will require to be treated with great care and the utmost exercise of masonic courtesy to avoid dissensions of the most serious character. Though you have committed this subject to the Committee on Foreign Relations, I deem it proper to state briefly some of the facts and principles bearing upon the question.

The Supreme Council of Scotland was formed in 1846, under the authority of the Supreme Council of France. It has been recognized for more than twenty-five years by all the masonic powers of the world in this Rite, and it must be held now, after so long and so universal a recognition, that Scotland was one of "the great nations of Europe," entitled, under the Constitutions of 1786, to a Supreme Council. I cannot learn that it has ever claimed to exercise jurisdiction outside of Scotland until August, 1871.

The Grand Council of England, &c., was formed in 1846, under authority of this Supreme Council. It first assumed the name of Supreme Council, &c., for England and Wales. When it first added "and Dependencies of the British Crown," I am not able to ascertain. But it has established Bodies and exercised jurisdiction in Canada for many years. Its jurisdiction has practically been exclusive, as no other Supreme Council attempted to exercise any jurisdiction there till August, 1871.

It is obvious that the authority granted by one Supreme Council to

organize another is not in the nature of a charter, which is a *grant of jurisdiction*. One masonic body cannot *grant* a charter to another which is to be its own peer. The jurisdiction of every Supreme Council is derived from the Constitutions of 1786. No other Supreme Council can enlarge or restrict the jurisdiction fixed by those Constitutions. When a Supreme Council is formed in any country, it at once acquires, by the very fact of its creation, the jurisdiction given by those Constitutions. In fact, one Supreme Council has no authority to create another directly. It can create individual Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General in any country where there are none ; and they, by virtue of the Constitutions of 1786, and not by the authority of the Supreme Council which created them, *become* a Supreme Council. If three or more Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General take up their residence in a country entitled to a Supreme Council, they can form one without any other authority. The grant of power by another Supreme Council to them would be a work of supererogation. It is, as before observed, the prerogative of a Supreme Council to create Inspectors-General, and it is *their* prerogative to create a Supreme Council. It follows that the authority which this Supreme Council gave for forming the Supreme Council of England, could not affect, either by fixing, limiting or enlarging, the territorial jurisdiction of the latter. Its jurisdiction must be found in the Constitutions of 1786. Referring to them, it will be found exceedingly doubtful whether any European Supreme Council can exercise jurisdiction in Canada, save, perhaps, until a Supreme Council shall be created there. Under the Constitutions of 1786, it would seem clear that Canada either belongs to our own jurisdiction, or is entitled to a Supreme Council of her own. We have waived our claim and have heretofore acquiesced in the exercise of jurisdiction by England. Whether that shall be temporary under the second Section of Article XIII of the Constitutions of 1786, or shall be permanent, is a question upon which I give no opinion ; but an examination of those Constitutions shows that concurrent jurisdiction is utterly at variance with the fundamental principles of the Rite. A Supreme Council formed in a country becomes *ipso facto* " possessed of the entirety of the masonic authority wherewith his August Majesty is now invested," say our Constitutions, "and each may thenceforward exercise that authority whenever necessary, and everywheresoever throughout the whole extent of country under its jurisdiction." Can two such bodies, with such powers, exist in the "same extent of country?" But the Constitutions go further. They authorize a Supreme Council to delegate power to a Deputy to "establish, regulate, and superintend Lodges and Councils in any of the degrees, from the fourth to the twenty-ninth inclusive, *in places where there are no Lodges or Councils of the sublime degrees legally constituted.*" In unoccupied territory, therefore, the first possessor acquires exclusive jurisdiction until a Supreme Council is formed.

I am happy to learn that the Supreme Councils of Scotland and England have been fraternally corresponding with each other, with a view of settling the matter by treaty.

But pending the negotiations, the Supreme Council of England has forbidden the masons of its obedience from recognizing the body established by the Supreme Council of Scotland, at St. John, New Brunswick.

In May last, Maine Consistory received the applications of five Knights of Rose Croix, residing in St. John, for the degrees, from the nineteenth to the thirty-second inclusive. They presented the consent and recommendation of T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, 33°, of Canada, the Deputy of the Supreme Council of England in the Dominion. I decided that the authority was sufficient, and the applicants were accepted and received the degrees. Three of them have since been elected by the Supreme Council of England, &c., to receive the thirty-third grade, and I am in the receipt of a letter from that Supreme Council, herewith submitted [A], thanking me for complying with Bro.: HARINGTON's request, and further requesting me to confer the grade *in extenso* upon the three designates. It was expected at one time that the Brethren would attend this session of the Supreme Council to receive the grade, but my later advices are that it will not be practicable for them to do so.

SCOTLAND. I have received a communication from the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Scotland, herewith submitted [B]. In reply, I expressed my gratification at the prospect of more intimate relations between the two Supreme Councils, and proposed an exchange of Representatives, and of the published official documents. There has not been time for a response, but I have no doubt that hereafter we shall be regularly informed of the condition and progress of the Rite in that jurisdiction.

IRELAND. In Ireland, the Rite is progressing. In April last, the Triennial General Assembly of the Rose Croix Order was held. Two new warrants had been recently issued, making twelve Chapters in all, of which seven are in Dublin, and the other five in the country. Two hundred and fifty-six subscribing members were reported. Unlike our system, the government is vested in a Grand Rose Croix Chapter. It has one subordinate in Portugal, but it was stated that since the union of the two Supreme Councils in that country, it was probable that the Irish Chapter would transfer its allegiance, and the wish was expressed that it would do so. I have received information, which I suppose to be reliable, that all the Irish Bodies in Portugal have already given in their adhesion to the United Grand Orient and Supreme Council.

ENGLAND, &c. Our relations with the Supreme Council of England continue to be of the most fraternal and intimate character. The ex-

pected visit to this country of some of its members having been postponed, I have had no occasion to act upon the resolution we adopted last year, further than to transmit a copy of it, with the request that as early information as practicable should be given to me, if any members of that august body should visit this country. I received the reply herewith submitted [C].

If numbers be taken as the test, the progress of the Rite in England is comparatively slow. There are in England twelve members of the thirty-third grade, with five others in Canada, and three others in India. It has upon its rolls nineteen of the thirty-second degree, twenty-eight of the thirty-first degree, and one hundred and thirty-six of the thirtieth degree. The thirty-second and thirty-first degrees are conferred only in Supreme Council upon candidates, limited in number, selected by it. The thirtieth degree is conferred only in Chapters held under the immediate authority of the Supreme Council, and in the presence of three Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General, in strict accordance with Rule XI of the Constitutions of 1786. But the Supreme Council has submitted a proposition to its sister Councils for the modification of this Rule, and I present herewith the communication upon that subject [D].

Charters for Rose Croix Chapters include authority to hold a Lodge of Perfection and a Council of Princes of Jerusalem. And Charters for Councils or Lodges separate from Chapters are not issued in practice, though authorized by the Constitution. The Supreme Council has forty Chapters under its jurisdiction, of which there is one at each of the following places: Gibraltar; Madras; Melbourne, Australia; Bombay; Constantinople; Rangoon in British Burmah; Calcutta; Punjab, East Indies; and Hamilton, Orillia, Ontario, St. John, and Halifax, in the Dominion of Canada. The five Chapters in Canada numbered in March, 1871, about one hundred members.

During the past year, a special interest in the Rite has obtained and larger accessions have been made than during any previous year, both in Canada and in England.

The Supreme Council has been called to mourn the death of one of its members, Rev. W. H. W. A. BOWYER, Grand Chaplain, brother of Col. BOWYER, Past Grand Commander, whose death preceded his but a short time.

It proposes to establish, by formal treaty, the already generally recognized law of the Rite, that no resident in the jurisdiction of one Supreme Council shall receive the degrees in another jurisdiction without consent, and that any member expelled by his own Supreme Council shall be held by all other Supreme Councils as expelled. I submit herewith the communication upon that subject [E].

It acknowledges the receipt of the "Letters of Denunciation and Appeal" issued by the two Supreme Councils of the United States in

relation to the Grand Orient of France, and proposes, in view of certain circumstances set forth in its communication, herewith submitted [F], a mediation between the Supreme Councils and the Grand Orient in the endeavor to bring about a re-establishment of amicable relations. But the questions at issue are of such a character that they do not admit of mediation. If the Supreme Council of England can persuade the Grand Orient of France to withdraw its recognition of the spurious Body in New Orleans, recognize the *exclusive jurisdiction* of the two Supreme Councils throughout the United States, and agree to accept as final the decision of either of those two Supreme Councils upon the regularity of any Body of the Rite in its own territorial jurisdiction, the door may then be open to mediation. But there is no middle ground. If we surrender in the smallest degree our right of *exclusive jurisdiction* in our own territory, we surrender everything. There can be no compromise, or meeting halfway, between life and death.

Besides, it is a serious question whether the Grand Orient of France, by the recent changes in its Constitution, has not entirely divested itself of its masonic character, and ceased to be in form and spirit a masonic body. But this need not be considered now; it is enough to say to our English brethren that, while we highly appreciate their desires to promote union, peace and harmony among all the masonic powers in the world, we cannot abate one jot or tittle of our requirements of the Grand Orient of France, nor ask or *consent to* any mediation that shall imply any waiver of our jurisdictional rights in the smallest degree, or any other settlement than the fullest and most complete recognition by the Grand Orient of France of the *exclusive jurisdiction* and entirety of masonic authority in the Rite of the Northern and Southern Supreme Councils in their respective territories. We owe this to ourselves; and we owe it to the Grand Lodges of the York Rite, whose rights are identical with our own, and who are now suffering equally with us from the unmasonic action of the Grand Orient of France and her abettors, who seemingly seek to prostrate and destroy all government, civil as well as masonic.

BELGIUM. The Bulletin of the Supreme Council of Belgium has been received regularly, and it shows that this body is harmonious and prosperous, as would be expected from the able and truly masonic manner in which its affairs are administered.

December 31, 1871, it lost by death Ill.: Bro.: EUGENE DEFACQZ, 83°, Past Grand Master, to whom funeral honors were decreed by the Supreme Council.

SPAIN. In Spain masonry has made great progress during the year. Measures have been taken to unite, by the adoption of new Constitutions, all the bodies in the kingdom under one head. I am not prepared to advise recognition at present, but I believe that by our next annual

session we shall be able to exchange fraternal relations with a Supreme Council in Spain, meeting openly and without interference from the government.

PORUGAL. The Bulletin of the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Portugal shows that the Order is enjoying prosperity unprecedented in that country. The union of the two rival bodies had a most important effect. The Irish Bodies gave in their adhesion, and the energy and labor, which were formerly given to the contest between the rival factions, are now expended in advancing the interests of masonry.

ITALY. During the session of the Supreme Council last year, a document covering seventy pages was received from Italy, and caused us to defer action in relation to recognition. I have since fully examined that document, but find no reason to change my recommendation of last year, that we recognize the Supreme Council having its Grand Orient at Turin as the Supreme Masonic Authority of our Rite in Italy. In event of such recognition, I advise that the request of that Supreme Council, that we confer for it the thirty-third grade upon Bro.: Minelli, who was elected to receive it over a year ago, be granted. (See Proc. of 1871, page 19.)

GREECE. I submit herewith [G], a letter announcing the formation of a Supreme Council in Greece, with a photographic copy of a Balustre issued by it.

Prince RHODOCANAKI received the thirty-third degree in Scotland. He appears to have been recognized by the Supreme Council of England, as his name is borne on its roll of members of the thirtieth grade, with the addition "33° of Scotland."

While there is but little reason to doubt that he was authorized by the Supreme Council of Scotland to create Inspectors-General and thus form a Supreme Council, I think we should not be in haste to recognize the new Body, but should take time to ascertain if his proceedings are regular.

I have no information as to the number of Freemasons in Greece: but I do not see why the institution may not flourish there if its interests are committed to proper hands.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF FRANCE. We have not received any Bulletin from this Body, and I learn that it remains in substantially the same condition as heretofore, various circumstances combining to prevent active labors in the interest of the Rite.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE. This Body has finally taken notice of the action of the American Supreme Councils and Grand Lodges.

At a session of the "Council of the Order," held April 2, 1872, a report was submitted and discussed. But it was left for final adoption

to the General Assembly of the Grand Orient, which was to meet some time during the present month. The Report was published and sent out to the Grand Bodies of the world by the "Council of the Order," with a letter requesting an examination and reply. They had the assurance, not to say insolence, to forward copies to this Supreme Council.

My first impulse was to reply to the many mis-statements of the Report; not for the benefit of the Grand Orient, but to prevent other powers from being misled by it: but upon consideration I deemed it inconsistent with self-respect to honor it with a reply, or any further notice than to state the fact and submit the papers to you.

MEXICO. It has transpired, as I suggested last year, that all the members of the Supreme Council at Vera Cruz have given in their adhesion to the United Body formed at the City of Mexico, and have become members of it. It is claimed DA CUNHA REIS, who formed the Supreme Council in the City of Mexico, in 1865, was avouched for as an Inspector-General of the thirty-third grade by an Honorary member of both the Northern and Southern Supreme Councils. But, however this may be, the action of the Vera Cruz Council makes the united Council legitimate and regular.

I recommend that it be formally recognized, and that fraternal relations be established with it by the mutual exchange of representatives.

I regret to learn, however, that the hopes of peace and relief from dissensions, which prompted the union, are not fully realized. I have received a circular herewith submitted, which announces the existence of an irregular and clandestine body in Mexico, styling itself "The Ancient and Reformed Scottish Rite."

In this connection, I submit the official Bulletin of the Southern Supreme Council, recognizing the Supreme Council of Mexico [H].

THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. At the suggestion of the Grand Commander, I have appointed DANIEL M. CAZON, 33°, as our Representative near the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic, in place of the lamented PEREZ.

NEW GRANADA OR COLUMBIA. I am not in the receipt of any further information in relation to the condition of masonry in this Republic than is contained in the Report of Bro.: GOODALL, published in the Proceedings of 1871.

I am in receipt of three bound volumes forwarded by the Supreme Council, having its Grand East at Cartagena, being the Constitution adopted in 1831, and the Official Register from 1859 to 1871 inclusive. But they do not contain the proceedings mentioned in Bro.: GOODALL'S Report; nor has any official account of those proceedings reached us,

and in the absence of official information, we can take no intelligent action.*

COSTA RICA. I find, in the volumes forwarded by the Supreme Council of New Granada, a full account of the organization of a Supreme Council in Costa Rica. As these proceedings took place prior to the attempted treaty with the spurious Body, they are not affected by it; and as they are regular I see no reason why the new Supreme Council is not entitled to recognition.

I have received a letter from Ill.: FRANCISCO CALVO, 33°, Sov.: Gr.: Commander, proposing an exchange of Representatives. That brother has been in this jurisdiction, but failed to make himself known to any member of this body, much to my regret.

BRAZIL. Events of the highest importance have transpired in Brazil during the year.

In the report of Bro.: GOODALL, in the proceedings of 1871, the resolutions adopted by the Grand Orient and Supreme Council in relation to the spurious body in Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France are given in full. They contain the true masonic doctrine. The Bulletin (which is regularly forwarded to us) contains the report of the committee which reported the resolutions. This report is published both in Portugese and English. It animadverts in severe terms upon the action of the Grand Orient of France, and is one of the ablest vindications of our position, and of the right of exclusive jurisdiction, that has come to my knowledge.

I am gratified to announce that the two rival bodies in Brazil have united, and that now peace reigns among the craft throughout that Empire. They deserve the commendation of all good masons for the truly masonic spirit in which this result was consummated.

But while peace reigns among the craft a fierce attack from outside has been made upon masonry, and a contest is raging in which the whole world is interested. The Brazilian masons celebrated the abolition of slavery in the Empire with public ceremonies. ALMEIDA MARTINS, 32°, a Catholic Priest, acted as Grand Orator. He was immediately called before the Bishop and required to renounce Freemasonry, and upon his refusal was excommunicated. The result was that "war between the Brazilian craft and Jesuitism was declared." I have already signified to the Supreme Council of Brazil, that in this contest with intolerance and bigotry they would receive the support and assistance of this Supreme Council. I also expressed the hope that this attack of the Jesuits would open the door to a reconciliation between the Lavradios and the Benedictine bodies: and I was pleased to

* Since the close of the session I have received documents showing that the proposed treaty with the spurious body at Bogota failed of ratification.

learn that my suggestion had been anticipated and the union effected, as I have already stated.

For reasons deemed by me sufficient, and with the full concurrence of the Supreme Council of Brazil, I have recalled the commission of Dr. MORAES as our Representative near that body, and no successor has as yet been appointed.

OTHER BODIES IN SOUTH AMERICA. No information requiring special notice has been received from the other South American bodies. Measures have been taken to renew relations of amity with those with whom we have formerly corresponded, and to secure correspondence with the others. But the length of time required to receive answers to communications necessarily delays a result.

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION. Our relations with this body are so intimate and fraternal that I can scarcely speak of them as "Foreign."

At the biennial session in May last our Representative and members of this body were received with distinguished honors and in the most fraternal manner.

You will learn with great pleasure that the Rite in our sister jurisdiction has received new life, and never before was so prosperous as now.

The Supreme Council has lost by death Past Grand Commander CHARLES MANNING FURMAN, who died on the second day of July last, at the age of seventy-five years, leaving a rare example of a pure and useful life, "rich in all that makes a full and noble manhood."

Our Southern brethren have determined to erect a Sanctuary at Washington and to create a Charity Fund. To these objects will be devoted all the surplus funds and the whole proceeds of the sales of rituals and the books published by the Supreme Council, of which Bro.: PIKE is the author. He has given the copyright to the Supreme Council, reserving nothing for himself.

COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION

have been held in Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, and their proceedings are herewith submitted.

The Councils of Ohio, Illinois and Rhode Island, strongly recommend to the Supreme Council to create a Grand Consistory, to be composed of representatives from the subordinate bodies, and to meet at the same time with the Supreme Council.

The Council for Wisconsin recommends an amendment to the Constitution, providing that the degrees of the Rite shall be conferred only on *affiliated* Master Masons, and that when a member of any body of

the Rite loses his membership in a symbolic lodge, he shall thereby forfeit and lose his membership in all bodies of our Rite.

The Council for Pennsylvania have adopted a regulation allowing all S.: P.: R.: S.: 32°, a seat in the Council, except when in executive session, and ask that it be confirmed by the Supreme Council.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

I received, before the session opened, the Reports of the Deputies for Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, and they are herewith submitted.

The Deputy for Massachusetts submits a petition from Harmony Lodge of Perfection for the surrender of its charter, and recommends that the petition be granted. He also gives a list of those who have received the thirty-second degree during the year. I recommend that all the Deputies be required hereafter to make the same report. Our published records should show the names of all elevated to this high grade, and the avouchment of the Deputy in addition to the returns should be required in order to prevent errors.

There are no other matters in the Reports presented requiring special mention.

CONCLUSION.

From the exposition of our "Foreign Relations" which I have given, it will be seen that, with a single exception, we are upon terms of peace and friendship with all the Masonic Powers of the world. These Powers have eagerly sought alliance with us, and it is a source of pleasure to find that they look upon our action upon all subjects with the highest respect.

At home, too, we are enjoying peace and a high degree of prosperity. The subordinates, with few exceptions, have made their returns and paid their dues. In this respect, the condition of our affairs was never before so satisfactory. It may now be well assumed, that those bodies which have failed for two years to do work, or to make returns and pay dues, have either no desire or no capacity for existence. The Constitution provides for the revocation of charters in such cases. This penalty has not as yet been enforced; and it is a matter of so much importance, that it should never be done, except upon investigation in every particular case, and by the express order of the Supreme Council.

I congratulate you most heartily upon the prosperous condition of the Rite under your administration of its affairs. This very prosperity brings new duties and higher responsibilities; but I feel assured that, in the future as in the past, you will perform your duties in such manner as shall command the respect of our sister Supreme Councils, and maintain the integrity, peace and prosperity of our beloved Rite.

**DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THE GRAND COMMANDER'S
ADDRESS.**

[A.]

LETTER FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, &c.,

88 GOLDEN SQUARE, LONDON, W., Aug. 2, 1872.

*To the M.: Illustrious Brother JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M.: P.: Sov.:
Gr.: Com.: Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, U. S.*

DEAR AND M.: ILL.: BROTHER:

I am deputed to convey to you the most cordial thanks of this Supreme Council for your great kindness in complying with Bro.: Harrington, our Canadian Representative's request to confer the 32d degree upon Bros.: Domville, Munro, Forster, Thorne and Chisholm, and to ask you to add to the obligation, by giving, upon the request of Bro.: Marshall, 33°, of New Brunswick, *in extenso*, the 33d degree to Bros.: Domville, Munro and Chisholm. The members of this Supreme Council feel less delicacy in asking you to grant them this favor, because they feel assured that, equally with themselves, you consider it absolutely essential, whenever it is possible, to give this, the highest degree, *in extenso*.

With every fraternal expression of kindness and regard,

Believe me to be,

Dear and M.: Ill.: Brother,

[SEAL.]

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°,

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:

[B.]

LETTER FROM THE GRAND COMMANDER OF SCOTLAND.

MOUNT MELVILLE, ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND,

July 11, 1872.

MOST ILLUS.: AND PUSSANT SOV.: GR.: COM.:

As Sov.: Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Scotland, I take the liberty of addressing you, to express the wishes of myself, and the members of the Sup.: Council to be on the most friendly footing, and in all things to cultivate the most intimate fraternal relations with the Supreme Council over which you so ably preside.

The Supreme Council here, was constituted and created in 1846 by the late Dr. Morrison, of Greenfield, member of the Sup.: Council of

France, from which Body we hold a charter of erection and constitution, and we have since been working as a Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Some of our Brother Masons in St. John, New Brunswick, Scotsmen by birth, and in all their masonic degrees, St. John's Royal Arch, Knight Templars, and Royal Order of Scotland, lately presented an application to our Council to grant a warrant for Rose Croix Chapter and Consistory of K.: H.:, as they wished the higher degrees to emanate from Scotland, as had the others, to which application we have acceded, and I have to request your good offices in their behalf.

With every fraternal good wish,

I beg to remain,

Very faithfully yours,

J. WHYTE MELVILLE.

The HON. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,

N.: J.: U.: S.: A.:, Portland, Maine.

[C.]

LETTER FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND.

33 GOLDEN SQUARE, LONDON, W.,

16th February, 1872.

To the Ill.: Brother DANIEL SICKELS, 33°, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:

DEAR SIR AND ILL.: BRO.:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 1st December, 1871, covering the Resolution of the Supreme Council 33° of the A. and A. Rite for the N.: J.: U.: S.:, which letter and Resolution I brought before this Supreme Council at its last quarterly meeting, on the 12th inst.

I am directed to reply that, while thoroughly appreciating the most kind and fraternal spirit embodied in the Resolution, it would be impossible to convey a definite answer before the next quarterly meeting in May; both in consequence of absence of some of the members through illness, and because the movements of the members for the autumn could not be forecast until the spring.

I beg you, dear and Ill.: Bro.:, to accept the expression of my highest sentiments and fraternal regard, and remain,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:

[D.]

**BALUSTRE FROM SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, PROPOSING
A MODIFICATION OF RULE XI OF GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.**

FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE DEPENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNDER THE C. C. OF THE ZENITH NEAR THE B. B., ANSWERING TO 51° 30' N. LAT., AND 6° W. MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH.

To the Supreme Council, 33° for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

M.: P.: S.: Gr.: Cr.:

DEAR SIR AND M.: ILL.: BRO.:

I am directed to request you to lay before your Supreme Council, the following important change in the Grand Constitutions:

1st, That in order to obviate the difficulty which may arise in colonies and detached districts in obtaining the presence of three or more members of the 33°., when conferring the 30th K.: H.: degree, Rule XI be altered as respects colonies and districts, to the effect that the presence of only one S.: G.: I.: G.: of the 33° be necessary, provided he has in writing the sanction of at least two other S.: G.: Is.: G.: of the 33d degree to each of the candidates for the 30th K.: H.:

2dly, That this proposal be submitted to each of our sister Councils, whose approval is considered essentially necessary upon so important a change in one of the Grand Constitutions of the Order.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and M.: ILL.: Bro.:

[SEAL.] Faithfully and fraternally yours,

J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°,

Grand Secretary General H.: E.:

88 Golden Square, London, W.,

February 28, 1872.

[E.]

BALUSTRE FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, IN
RELATION TO A TREATY OF ALLIANCE.

FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND
INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND
ACCEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE
DEPENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNDER THE C. C. OF THE ZENITH
NEAR THE B. B., ANSWERING TO 51° 80' N. LAT., AND 6° W. MERIDIAN
OF GREENWICH.

To Ill.: Bro.: Josiah H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M.: P.: S.: G.: Cr.: Northern Jurisdiction, United States America.

DEAR AND MOST ILL.: BROTHER:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of this Supreme Council, held on the 10th of October last: *It was Resolved,*

That a communication be addressed to the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of America, requesting their co-operation in establishing a Treaty of Alliance between the Supreme Councils, to the effect, that no member of any branch of the A.: and A.: Rite should be advanced to a higher grade, by any of the Lodges, Chapters, &c., &c., under either of the sister jurisdictions, unless with the consent or on the special application of the Supreme Council to whose jurisdiction he originally belonged.

And, that any member expelled or suspended by any one of the Supreme Councils, should be held as expelled or suspended by the sister jurisdictions, on due notice thereof being given.

This Supreme Council is well aware that this understanding has long existed between the three jurisdictions, and for its part it has always strictly acted thereon; but, in presence of the efforts so perseveringly made to establish spurious and illegal Rites, this Supreme Council considers it would be advisable to render this a formal article of agreement, as a means of mutual support and defense.

I beg further to inform you, that a communication similar to this has been sent to the Supreme Councils of Ireland and Scotland.

Requesting you will submit this for the consideration of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of America,

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and Most Ill.: Brother,

Faithfully and Fraternally yours,

J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°,

Grand Secretary General.

38 Golden Square, London, W.,
December 7, 1871.

[F.]

BALUSTRE FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, PRO-
POSING A MEDIATION IN RELATION TO
GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND
INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND
ACCEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND
THE DEPENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNDER THE C. C. OF THE
ZENITH NEAR THE B. B., ANSWERING TO 51° 80' N. LAT., AND 6° W.
MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH.

To JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, M.: P.: S.: G.: Cr.: *Northern Jurisdiction,*
U. S. of America.

DEAR SIR AND M.: ILL.: BROTHER:

At the meeting of this Supreme Council, held on the 10th day of October last, the subject of the Balustre addressed conjointly by your Supreme Council and that of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States to us, and bearing date the 2d day of May and the 15th day of June, 1870, together with our reply thereto of the 25th of February, 1871, were brought on for further consideration. This Supreme Council taking into consideration

That vast changes have taken place in France in consequence of the late war;

That the Grand Orient of France is no longer under the control of the Imperial Government;

That under the present republican government they might be disposed to recede from the illegal position they assumed by their decision of the 5th of November, 1868:

That this Supreme Council is most anxious, by all legitimate means in its power, to promote unity, peace and harmony amongst all the Supreme Councils with which it is in alliance;

It was resolved, That this Supreme Council should offer its fraternal services to re-open the question between your Supreme Council and the Grand Orient of France and endeavor to bring about a re-establishment of amicable relations.

I am, therefore, directed to propose this fraternal mediation to you, and to request that you will bring the subject to the notice of your Supreme Council at its next meeting.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and M.: Ill.: Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°,

33 Golden Square,

December 7, 1871.

Grand Secretary General.

[G.]

LETTER FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GREECE.

ATHENS, 6th August, 1872.

DEAR SIR AND ILL.: BRO.: :

I have the honor to announce that I have, on the 12-24th July, in virtue of authority vested in me by the Supreme Council, 33°, for Scotland, founded and established the Supreme Council, 33°, for Greece. Presiding as I do over this establishment, the duty devolves upon me of proposing for your consideration a close alliance between our respective institutions, with the view of promoting that unity of interest which is at the base of Freemasons' influence.

I have the honor to remain,

Dear Sir and Illust.: Bro.: ,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

RHODOCANAKI, 33°,

S.: G.: C.:

To the Ill.: Bro.: J. H. DRUMMOND, Esq., 33°,

Sov.: Gr.: Com.: North.: Juris.:, Boston.

[H.]

BALUSTRE OF SOUTHERN SUPREME COUNCIL, RECOGNIZING
SUPREME COUNCIL OF MEXICO.

FROM THE GRAND ORIENT OF HIERODOM, AT CHARLESTON, IN THE STATE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA, NEAR THE B. B. AND UNDER THE C. C. OF THAT
ZENITH WHICH ANSWERS UNTO 32° 46' 33" NORTH LATITUDE.

The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Sovereigns, the Grand Inspectors-General, Grand Elect Knights of the Holy House of the Temple, Grand Commanders of the Holy Empire of the 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Scottish Freemasonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, whose See is at the Grand Orient aforesaid:

BY ITS SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER:

Unto the M.: P.: Supreme Councils of the 33d degree of our correspondence, and to all other bodies of Freemasons of the aforesaid Rite of Freemasonry, over the surface of the two Hemispheres, unto whom these presents may come:

WHEREAS, while other Supreme Councils of the world, satisfied of the regularity and legitimacy of the Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree for the Republic of Mexico, have recognized it as a just and lawful Supreme Power of the aforesaid Rite, and entered into

relations with it of amity and correspondence; we, exercising the same independent right of judgment and decision, and perhaps less fully informed, have greatly doubted its legitimacy and regularity, and have until now declined to enter into relations with it;

AND WHEREAS, we declined to recognize the said Supreme Council for the Republic of Mexico, because it was established by a brother who had no authority or competency, either to confer any of the degrees of the Rite aforesaid, or to establish any body whatever thereof, not being legally, if at all, invested with the thirty-third degree; because, also, there was then in existence a regular and legitimate Supreme Council for Mexico and Central America, at the Grand Orient of Vera Cruz; and because, the said regular and legitimate Council, consisting of eight Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, four of them only had, on the 28th day of April, A. D. 1868 (the Sovereign Grand Commander being one of the said four), united themselves with the said Supreme Council at the Valley of the City of Mexico; the said Sovereign Grand Commander of the said Supreme Council at Vera Cruz, and all the dignitaries and officers of the said Supreme Council at the City of Mexico, resigning their dignities and offices, and new dignitaries and officers being thereupon elected by the united brethren; and it did not appear to us, either that there had been any treaty, or act or agreement of union, made or entered into by the said Supreme Council at Vera Cruz, or that any or either of the four brethren, members of the same, not present at the said union, had then or afterwards assented to the same, or acquiesced therein, and become members of the said Supreme Council at the Valley of Mexico; nor but that, in their persons, the said Supreme Council at Vera Cruz still continued to exist;

AND WHEREAS, it now authentically appears unto us, that the Illustrious Brethren who were the first members of the said Supreme Council at the City of Mexico, were entitled to believe that the founder of the same was a Sov.: Gr.: Inspector-General, authorized to create the same, he being vouched for as such, and so certified to be, by an Honorary Member of each of the Supreme Councils for the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions of the United States, and Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of Colon, from which the said founder claimed to have received the 33d degree; and being also by him subrogated to his special powers to establish a Supreme Council for Mexico, not known to the said brethren to have lapsed and expired;

AND WHEREAS, it also now authentically appears to us, that each of the said four brethren, members of the said Supreme Council at Vera Cruz, who were not present at the said Union, has acquiesced therein and assented thereto, and become a member of the said Supreme Council at the Valley of the City of Mexico, thus ratifying the said union, and totally annihilating the said Supreme Council at Vera Cruz; whereby,

if a formal act of that Supreme Council, and its corporate action, by legislation, was necessary to the union, such act and action is to be presumed, and the concurrent action of all its members must be taken as the formal act of the body, and the said union to have been a union of the Councils as Sovereigns, whereby the Ill.: Brethren of the said Supreme Council at the City of Mexico were regularized; and that the United Council was a regular and legitimate Supreme Council from the date of the said union;

WE DO, THEREFORE, now and hereby concur in the action of those Supreme Councils that have recognized, and we do hereby acknowledge and recognize the said SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33D DEGREE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO, at the Grand Orient of the City of Mexico, whereof the Ill.: Bro.: JAMES C. LOHSE, 33d, is M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander, the Ill.: Bro.: ESTEVAN ZENTENO, Lt.: Gr.: Commander, the Ill.: Bro.: ALFREDO CHAVERO, Gr.: Minister of State, and the Ill.: Bro.: JOSE GONZALES DE GONZALES, Sec.: Gen.: of the Holy Empire, to be a just, true, lawful, regular and legitimate Supreme Council of the 33d degree, and to have been such since the 28th day of April, A. D. 1868.

AND we do hereby offer to enter into relations of amity and correspondence with the same Supreme Council for the Republic of Mexico, and do appoint and will commission the Ill.: Bro.: General FRANCISCO ZEREGA, 33d, Grand Chancellor and Keeper of the Seals of the said Supreme Council, to be our Grand Representative and Garant d'Amitié near it, and shall receive and welcome whomsoever may be by it appointed and commissioned its Grand Representative and Garant d'Amitié near us.

IN FAITH whereof our Sovereign Grand Commander doth hereunto set his hand and affix the seal of his arms, and doth cause these letters to be countersigned by our Secretary General of the Holy Empire, and the Great Seal of this Supreme Council to be hereto affixed, at the Grand Orient aforesaid, this twenty-sixth day of the Hebrew month Adar, A. M. 5632, answering unto the 6th day of March, 1872, v.: E.:, and of our Supreme Council the 72d year.

On motion of Bro.: N. H. GOULD, the Grand Commander was requested to refer his address to appropriate committees.

The Grand Commander made assignment of address as follows:

1. So much as relates to charters and dispensations, with the petition for a Lodge of Perfection at Newburgh, and the petition of Har-

mony Lodge for a surrender of its charter, to the Committee on Dispensations and charters.

2. So much as relates to the conferring of the thirty-third grade during the recess, to invasion of jurisdiction, and to the Trustees of the Supreme Council, to the Committee on the State of the Rite.

3. So much as relates to Foreign Relations and the documents pertaining thereto (except as hereinafter stated), to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

4. The Communications from the Supreme Council of England, proposing amendments to the Constitutions of 1786, and new regulations, to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

To the same Committee, the Amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Councils of Deliberation of Ohio, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

5. To the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Regulation of the Council of Deliberation of Pennsylvania, allowing all resident Prince masons of the thirty-second degree a seat in the Council, except when in Executive Session.

6. So much as relates to the Reports of Deputies, with those Reports and the Abstracts of Proceedings of Councils of Deliberation (except so far as otherwise referred), to the Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation.

7. So much as relates to the revocation of charters for non-payment of dues, to the Committee on Finance.

Which was confirmed by the Supreme Council.

On motion of Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS,

Ordered, That the Supreme Council hold one session per day, commencing at ten o'clock A. M.

The Grand Commander called the attention of Committees, to whom matters were referred last year for reports at this session, to their duties, and requested their early action.

On motion of Bro.: A. E. STOCKER,

Voted, That the time for conferring the thirty-third grade be fixed for Thursday, 19th inst., at three o'clock P. M.

On motion of Bro.: F. A. Blades,

Voted, That the Report of Committee on Ritual of the 88° be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Bro.: C. T. McCLENACHAN, presented an invitation from Aurora Grata Consistory, for the Supreme Council to witness the exemplification of the twenty-fourth degree, at Irving Hall, on Wednesday evening, 18th inst.

On motion of Bro.: ALBERT G. GOODALL, it was received, and the members of the Supreme Council desired to attend as far as practicable.

The Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: rendered his annual report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

The Grand Commander read a communication from Rochester Consistory, which, after debate, was on motion of Bro.: N. H. GOULD, referred to a Special Committee.

The Gr.: Commander appointed as such Committee,

Bros.: BENJAMIN DEAN,
H. STANLEY GOODWIN,
F. A. BLADES.

The Grand Commander read a communication from Bro.: ROBERT B. FOLGER, in relation to publishing a new edition of his History of the A.: A.: Rite, under the supervision of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

On motion of Bro.: GOODALL, the communication was referred to the first three officers of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

The SUPREME COUNCIL then took a recess.

At two o'clock P. M., the SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor.

A communication from Bro.: HOUGH, of New Jersey, asking to be excused for non-attendance on account of sickness in his family, was received; and on motion of Bro.: A. G. GOODALL, Bro.: HOUGH was excused.

Bro.: E. T. CARSON, of Committee on Secret Work, made a statement of work already done by said committee; and

moved that a committee of three be appointed to promulgate certain parts of the work within two months.

The motion was adopted and the Gr.: Com.: appointed

Bros.: E. T. CARSON,
C. T. McCLENACHAN,
CHAS. L. WOODBURY.

On motion, the Grand Commander was added to said Committee.

The Grand Commander appointed the following brethren to fill vacancies in Standing Committees for this session :

ON STATE OF THE RITE.

In place of Bro.: THOS. A. DOYLE.—Bro.: F. A. BLADES.

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

In place of Bro.: WM. S. GARDNER.—Bro.: JOHN W. SIMONS.

ON COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION AND REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

In place of Bro.: THOS. A. DOYLE.—Bro.: GEO. W. BENTLEY.

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

In place of Bro.: WM. P. PREBLE.—Bro.: D. BURNHAM TRACY.

The Grand Commander called up the subject of diploma for 33°; whereupon that committee reported progress, and on motion of Bro.: EVANS, the committee was continued.

Bro.: E. T. CARSON stated his regrets that, on account of ill health, he has been unable to submit any further portions of the work for action at this session.

The Gr.: Treas.: submitted his annual report, with the vouchers, which was received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Bro.: R. M. C. GRAHAM offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Constitutions:

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitutions take into consideration and report at this session of the Supreme Council, the propriety of amending Schedule, p. 5, Art. 2, of Constitution, giving the Grand Representatives of Foreign Supreme Councils, on occasions of ceremony, some fixed rank in the order of precedence.

Bill of Masonic Publishing Co., for printing Rituals of Lodge of Perfection, was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

The General Session was then closed and the **SUPREME COUNCIL** went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Bro.: A. E. STOKER offered the resignation of Bro.: J. CLARKE HAGEY, as an Active member of this Supreme Council, and it was accepted.

Bro.: WELCH then moved, that it is the sense of this **SUPREME COUNCIL**, that it is expedient to elect an Active member in the State of Pennsylvania to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro.: HAGEY, and the motion was adopted.

The Active members from Pennsylvania then nominated Bro.: CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, for Active membership.

Voted, That an Executive Session be held at half-past twelve to-morrow afternoon.

The **SUPREME COUNCIL** was then called from labor to refreshment.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18, 1872.

The **SUPREME COUNCIL** resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M.

The minutes of yesterday's transactions were read and approved.

There were present additional active members as follows:

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| Ill.: LUCIUS R. PAIGE, | Ill.: WINSLOW LEWIS, |
| " CHARLES W. MOORE, | " A. T. METCALF. |
| " CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, | |

Bro.: EDMUND B. HAYES, Past M.: P.: Gr.: Commander and *Emeritus* member of the **SUPREME COUNCIL**, was present during the morning session.

Also Honorary members as follows:

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| III.: TOWNSEND FONDEY, | III.: JACKSON H. CHASE, |
| " CHAS. R. EARLY, | " E. J. LOOMIS, |
| " CHAS. C. DAME, | " WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, |
| " WILLIAM SUTTON, | " W. W. GOODWIN, |
| " GEO. H. PIERSON, | " E. S. WYCKOFF, |
| " CHAS. H. BROWN, | " ISAAC MUFF. |

The Grand Commander filled vacancies in Standing Committees as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS.

In place of Bro.: H. L. PALMER,—Bro.: ALVIN B. ALDEN.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

In place of Bro.: H. A. JOHNSON,—Bro.: ORRIN WELCH.

COMMITTEE ON COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION AND REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

In place of Bro.: T. R. AUSTIN,—Bro.: ALVIN B. ALDEN.

In place of Bro.: W. A. STEVENS,—Bro.: R. M. BARKER.

COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

In place of Bro.: AARON KING,—Bro.: A. E. STOCKER.

The Grand Commander made the following decisions:

The Constitution expressly provides that "all Honorary members shall be entitled to seats in the SUPREME COUNCIL, except at elections."

There are three kinds of elections recognized by the Constitutions as taking place in SUPREME COUNCIL, the election of Officers, of Active members, and of Honorary members.

Except during these elections, by the express language of the Constitutions, the Honorary members are *entitled* to seats, and, hence, as much so as Active or *Emeritus* members.

The Constitution does not provide for "Executive Sessions"; and that term was first used to signify the desire of the Supreme Council to go into an election, and the practice of transacting other business in those sessions has grown up inadvertently.

When the Supreme Council goes into "Executive Sessions," it substantially says that it desires to go into an election. Such session is like a special meeting, at which no business can properly be done except that for which the meeting was called, and hence the transaction of any other business, than such as makes part of an election, is not in order.

But I hold that nominations of Honorary or Active members are so much a part of elections, that the regulation of the Supreme Council,

that nominations must be made at an Executive Session prior to the one at which they are voted upon, is valid.

I make this ruling solely upon the provisions of the Constitution, and do not pass upon the claim of any of the Honorary members created before 1867, to rights in this Supreme Council.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

Bro.: R. H. Foss extended an invitation from the bodies of the Rite in Chicago, to hold the next annual session of the Supreme Council in that city, and moved that the next annual session be held in Chicago.

The invitation was unanimously accepted; and the motion adopted.

Bro.: CHAS. W. MOORE presented excuses for non-attendance of Bros.: W. S. GARDNER, and N. B. SHURTLEFF, of Massachusetts, which were on motion received, and the brothers were excused.

Bro.: CARTER, of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, submitted the following report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted :

*To the Supreme Council Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: -General of the 33d degree,
A.: and A.: Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.*

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Commander's address as relates to the granting of dispensations, would respectfully report.

That the recommendation of the Gr.: Commander to continue the dispensation of the Lodge of Perfection, at Utica, New York, until the next annual session of the Supreme Council, be and is hereby approved.

Your Committee would also recommend that a dispensation be granted to the brethren at Newburgh, New York, to form a Lodge of Perfection, under the name and title of Lodge of Perfection, to be located at Newburgh, New York. We would also recommend, in accordance with the wishes of the Deputy of Pennsylvania, that the dispensation granted to Shrewsbury Lodge of Perfection, at Shrewsbury, Pa., be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. CARTER,
ANTHONY E. STOCKER } *Committee.*

Committee on Dispensations and Charters further reported as follows:

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters would further report, that the petition of Harmony Lodge of Perfection, located at Lynn, Mass., requesting permission to surrender their charter to this Supreme Council, be and is hereby granted, and the existence of said Lodge shall cease on the date of the delivery of the charter to the Illustrious Deputy, for cancellation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. CARTER,
ANTHONY E. STOCKER, } Committee.

Which was adopted.

Bro.: CHARLES W. MOORE of Committee to procure a suitable place for the Archives of this Supreme Council, reported that suitable rooms had been provided in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Boston, Mass., for that purpose.

The report was, on motion, received and referred to the Grand Commander; and if the action of the committee is approved by him, the documents and properties comprising the Archives of this Supreme Council were ordered to be placed therein.

On motion of Bro.: GOULD, of R. I.,

Voted. That a committee of three be appointed to make a complete inventory of all properties belonging to this Supreme Council, to be placed upon record.

On motion of Bro.: CHAS. W. MOORE, the Grand Commander was appointed Chairman of said Committee. Bros.: DANIEL SICKLES and BENJAMIN DEAN were appointed as the other members.

Bro.: LUCIUS R. PAIGE presented Bulletin No. 14, of the Supreme Council of Belgium, which was received and placed on file.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported in part as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Relations ask leave to report in part by recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
JOHN W. SIMONS,
A. G. GOODALL, } Committee.

Resolved, That this Supreme Council, being satisfied of the regularity of the Supreme Council of Italy, whose Grand Orient is at Turin, hereby recognizes that Body as the supreme masonic authority of the Ancient Accepted Rite in Italy, and most cordially accepts its proposition for the exchange of Representatives and the cultivation of fraternal relations of the most intimate character.

Resolved, That the "Supremo Consejo" of the thirty-third grade for the Republic of Mexico is shown to be the regular Supreme Body of the Rite in that Republic, and the Grand Commander is hereby requested to take immediate measures to form a masonic alliance with it.

Resolved, That the Supreme Council of Costa Rica be entered upon the rolls of this Supreme Council as one of the Supreme Masonic Powers of its correspondence, and that its duly accredited Representative be received, and that the Grand Commander be requested to appoint a representative of this Supreme Council near that of Costa Rica.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions severally adopted.

Bro.: DEAN, of Committee on Communication of Rochester Consistory, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

IN SUPREME COUNCIL, Sept. 18, 1872.

Report of the Committee appointed to consider and report upon the Communication of Rochester Consistory, enquiring for the standing of

Bros.: Geo. C. Pennell,

Bros.: Henry Waters,

" Robert P. Hayes,

" John W. Tryon,

" John W. Hontating,

" William Mullen,

" Christopher G. Fox,

" George Van Bleck.

" William S. Sizer,

It appears that the above brethren received the several degrees, from Master Mason up to and including the 32°, at Syracuse, New York, under the superintendence of the Deputy for the State, in 1866. This was before the union of the Councils. They paid at the time the fee due the Supreme Council, with the understanding that the balance of the usual charges for the degrees should be expended in aiding in the establishment of subordinate bodies in Buffalo or otherwise, for the good of the Rite there.

The first question raised by the communication is, are the brethren aforesaid to be "considered in good standing?" The answer to this question is, that they received the degrees under the authority of one of the Supreme Councils of that time, and by the articles of union, all rights acquired under the sanction of either Council were confirmed, and this Supreme Council and all the world is precluded from denying the standing in the Rite of said brethren, unless they have lost their

standing since they received the degrees, by failure to comply with the understanding to which we have alluded. If the understanding had been that the amounts of their fees should be expended in the establishment of subordinate bodies in Buffalo, your Committee is informed that they probably have aided in the establishment there of a Lodge of Perfection, and Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and that as no other bodies have been established there, no emergency for the further expenditure of the fees referred to has arisen.

But it is apparent that the payment of the balance of fees alluded to was left to the discretion and generosity of the brethren themselves, and that they cannot be held to have lost their standing by any neglect in that respect, should any be shown.

The other questions raised by the communication are answered by the statement that said brethren, though in good standing, are not affiliated with any Chapter of Rose Croix, or with any Consistory of S.: P.: R.: S.:; and that Rochester Consistory may receive them into membership on the same terms upon which they receive other non-affiliated brethren, and that they are not required to give certificates of membership until they have been made members, though within the jurisdictional limits of said Consistory, and that they are not liable to pay annual dues until made members.

BENJ. DEAN,
H. STANLEY GOODWIN, }
F. A. BLADES, } Committee.

The Committee to revise the work of the thirty-third degree made their report, pending the consideration of which the SUPREME COUNCIL, in accordance with the special order, went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following Ill.: Princes were nominated for the honorary grade of 33°:

MARSHALL B. SMITH, Passaic, N. J.
HENRY SARTAIN, Philadelphia, Pa.
D. J. MARTIN, Allentown, "
BENJ. BARBER HILL, Rouseville, "
GILMAN T. WHEELER, Ridgeway, Pa.
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Boston, Mass.
WILLIAM B. GREENE, Brookline, Mass.
HENRY MULLIKEN, Boston, "
JOHN DEAN, Worcester, "
GEORGE O. CARPENTER, Boston, "

The SUPREME COUNCIL then took a recess.

Labor was resumed in General Session at 2:45 P. M.

Bro.: THOMAS J. CORSON offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of this Supreme Council shall be held at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Tuesday of November, 1873.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Work was resumed, and the report was recommitted.

On motion of Bro.: E. T. CARSON, the Grand Commander was authorized to procure or cause to be procured, all the paraphernalia that may be required for conferring the thirty-third grade, and have the same ready, if possible, for the next annual session.

Bro.: CHAS. L. WOODBURY submitted the Act of Incorporation, together with the by-laws under said act, for the government of the Trustees of this SUPREME COUNCIL, which was read.

Bro.: BENJ. DEAN moved that the document be received, entered in full upon the records, and printed with the Proceedings of this session.

Bro.: CLINTON F. PAIGE moved, as an amendment to the motion, that the document be received and placed upon file.

After discussion, the whole subject was laid upon the table until to-morrow morning.

Bro.: SIMONS, of Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted the following report:

To the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction:

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was specially referred the application made last year (page 60, Proc. 71), from a body of masons claiming to be a Consistory established in the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, by the Supreme Council, 33°, of Scotland, respectfully report:

That they have given the subject earnest consideration, and conclude that, in the first place, it would be a violation of all recognized comity between governing bodies for them to enter into correspondence with the respective subordinates of each other, or to settle questions belonging only to the powers having jurisdiction. Under this rule, the ques-

tion of the regularity or irregularity of the New Brunswick body is one that cannot be lawfully passed upon by this Supreme Council, until it shall be legitimately placed before it by our peers, the Supreme Councils in interest. If we decide that the subordinate body in question is regular, we at once take the settlement of the affairs of the Supreme Council of England out of the proper hands. On the contrary, if we say that it is irregular, the same result happens with the Supreme Council of Scotland. Clearly this is a matter to be settled between those two powers, and we are happy to add that it is about to become the subject of a satisfactory treaty, now being arranged by those powers. We therefore recommend that this Supreme Council await the official action of the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland relative to this matter.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
A. G. GOODALL,
JOHN W. SIMONS,

Committee.

Which, on motion of Bro.: R. M. C. GRAHAM, was received and adopted.

On motion of Bro.: CHAS. L. WOODBURY, the General Session was called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and the SUPREME COUNCIL went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The SUPREME COUNCIL proceeded to the election of an Active member for Pennsylvania, when Ill.: Bro.: CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP was declared duly elected.

The following Ill.: S.: P.: of the R.: S.: were then duly elected to receive the honorary grade of 33°:

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| MARSHALL B. SMITH, Passaic, N. J. | . |
| HENRY SARTAIN, Philadelphia, Penn. | . |
| D. J. MARTIN, Allentown, | " |
| BENJ. B. HILL, Rouseville, | " |
| GILMAN T. WHEELER, Ridgeway, | " |
| HENRY A. WHITNEY, Boston, Mass. | . |
| W.M. B. GREENE, Brookline, | " |
| HENRY MULLIKEN, Boston, | " |
| JOHN DEAN, Worcester, | " |
| GEO. O. CARPENTER, Boston, | " |

The following Ill.: brethren were then proposed for the honorary grade 33°:

CHARLES ROOME, of New York City.
A. L. NORTHRUP, M. D., " "
WALTER M. FLEMING, " "
WM. V. ALEXANDER, " "
P. STRONG WILSON, Rochester, New York.
JAMES MCCREDIE, Buffalo, "

Voted, That an Executive Session be held at the close of the General Session to-morrow forenoon.

The SUPREME COUNCIL was called from labor to refreshment.

THURSDAY, Sept. 19, 1872.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M.
Minutes of yesterday's transactions read and approved.

The Grand Commander read letters from Bros.: W. A. STEVENS, of Illinois, T. R. AUSTIN, of Indiana, and AARON KING, of New Hampshire, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this session.

On motion of Bro.: SICKELS, Bros.: AUSTIN and KING were excused.

Bro.: STEVENS having been excused at the session of Tuesday, the letter was placed on file.

Bro.: EVANS, for Committee on Constitutions, reported back, Documents "D" and "E," submitted with the Gr.: Commander's address and referred to them, and on motion, the documents were received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies, made the following report:

To the Supreme Council:

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies respectfully report

That they have given the several papers referred to them careful consideration, and submit the result of their labors in the different Districts of this jurisdiction *seriatim*.

MAINE.

Illustrious William P. Preble, the Deputy for this District, states that "the Rite has, during the past masonic year, pursued the even tenor of its way without having anything to disturb its harmony, and while not adding many to its numbers, has been called upon to mourn removals by death."

The Ill.: Deputy assigns as a reason for an inconsiderable degree of progress, the fact that some of the more prominent bodies have not, as yet, wholly recovered from the disastrous effects of the conflagration at Portland a few years since, but expresses the hope that before the next meeting of this Supreme Body they will be fully resuscitated and enabled to lead in the jurisdiction, not only in a geographical sense, but to rival in masonic prosperity any other district of the obedience of the Grand Orient of Boston.

A Council of Deliberation was held at Portland, on the 21st of June last, which was fully attended. No action was had which would seem to require the consideration of this Supreme Council.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Report of the Illustrous Deputy for this truly working District exhibits a most gratifying condition of prosperity and harmony. He has made frequent visits to the bodies within his jurisdictional charge, and expresses great pleasure at the character and excellence of the work.

Ill.: Bro.: Lawrence pays a merited compliment to the Boston bodies, in that they "are fortunate in the skill and devotion of their officers, and will grandly maintain their eminent character, the successful union, so harmoniously effected last year, having cemented them so strongly in the bonds of brotherly love, that it has resulted to them as a prolific source of genuine prosperity and happiness."

A petition is submitted from Harmony Lodge of Perfection, in the Valley of Lynn, requesting permission to surrender their charter, and thereby cease labor, inasmuch as the brethren connected therewith are anxious to affiliate with that flourishing body, Sutton Lodge of Perfection, situated at Salem.

The District Deputy is of the opinion that the granting of the prayer of the petitioners will subserve the interests of the Rite, and he accordingly makes that recommendation, in which your committee cordially concur.

RHODE ISLAND.

In this District there seems to be no lack of vitality in masonry. Bro.: Gould, the veteran Deputy, says that, though small in size, it has a glorious history, dating back among the earliest years of the planting of the Rite on this continent, and numbering among its original propagators and patrons many of the most distinguished names in New England's proudest annals.

The year has been one of prosperity to the brethren in Rhode Island, during which time they have been called to mourn the loss of Ill.: Bros.: Belivan and Carey, of Providence.

The numerical increase in membership has not been great. Much caution has been used in the selection of material, hence the honors and masonic distinction thus conferred will be worthily worn, and the recipients themselves will bear their advancement with a high appreciation of our beautiful Rite.

A Council of Deliberation was holden at the City of Providence, in August last, at which the only subject requiring notice in this Report, beyond the fact of its full attendance and harmonious action, is the fact of the adoption of a resolution, asking at the hands of this Supreme Body the re-establishment of the Sovereign Grand Consistory of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, with like powers and dignity as when the same existed anterior to the Union of 1867.

As this subject will doubtless become the subject of a Report from another Committee, it is not proposed to make any special recommendation in this place.

The Report of Ill.: Bro.: Gould is beautifully written, and compares favorably with all previous State papers from the same distinguished author.

CONNECTICUT.

The Report of Ill.: Bro.: Carter, Deputy for this District, is written in a charming style, and announces that all the bodies in his jurisdiction have made the quarries resound with implements of labor.

The death, in December last, of Ill.: Bro.: William H. Tingley, 82°, Most Wise and Perfect Master of Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix, has temporarily retarded the progress of that body. Bro.: T. had attained distinction in all the walks of masonry, and had occupied high places of honor and trust among his fellow citizens.

A Council of Deliberation was held in the City of Norwich, on the 24th of June, 1872, which was marked by harmony and good feeling. No proceeding seems to have been had requiring the affirmative action or review of this Supreme Council.

NEW JERSEY.

A gratifying state of prosperity exists in this jurisdiction. The Report of that indefatigable toiler in all good works, Ill.: Bro.: John Sheville, Deputy for New Jersey, shows an increase in character and personnel of the Rite much larger during the past year (in proportion to other Districts, considering population and geographical extent) than any other jurisdiction of the obedience of this Supreme Council.

A Council of Deliberation was held at Jersey City, which was largely attended by resident brethren, as well as by delegations from New York and Brooklyn.

To the Ill.: Deputy and his worthy associates may be ascribed the need of praise for the progressive condition of the Rite in the District of New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Report of Dr. Stocker, Deputy for the District of Pennsylvania, states that the increase in the membership of the Rite in his jurisdiction during the past year has been sufficient to keep most of the bodies at work, and to encourage the belief that it has taken good hold in the affections of the fraternity of the Keystone State.

On the 6th of December last, a Council of Deliberation was held at Philadelphia, at which matters of importance were considered, but none of which your committee deem to be within the province of their authority, and would respectfully suggest that the action of that body, so far as it may require review, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence of this Supreme Council.

OHIO.

Your committee plead guilty to an agreeable surprise at the elaborate and lengthy Report of Ill.: Bro.: Carson, of Ohio, Deputy for that District, surpassing as it does any similar paper from that source.

There has been no increase of subordinate bodies in the District during the past masonic year, while the membership has measurably advanced.

In March last a Council of Deliberation was held at Cincinnati, which was largely attended.

Among other matters, the re-establishment of the Sov.: Gr.: Consistory within the bosom of this Supreme Body was recommended, as also the question of jurisdiction of subordinate bodies of the Rite, which matters your committee believe are already, or will be, under consideration by another committee of this Supreme Body.

INDIANA.

The Ill.: Bro.: John Caven, 33°, Deputy for the District of Indiana, submits his report of the doings of the different bodies of the Rite in

his District, *in extenso*, judging from which your committee would say that a good degree of prosperity existed in the District, although "no report" seems to have been received from the bodies at Lafayette, Terre Haute, Richmond, Logansport, Anderson and Cambridge.

No Council of Deliberation has been held and no recommendations are made by the Ill.: Deputy, except that a number of Ill.: Brethren, elected to receive the 33d grade, have been unable to receive it, and he recommends that their time be extended until the next session of the Supreme Council, in which recommendation your committee cordially concur.

ILLINOIS.

Dr. Hurlbut, the Ill.: Deputy for Illinois, opens his elaborate Report with a beautiful and touching retrospect of the fortunes of the Rite in that State, and especially in Chicago, for the past masonic year.

Notwithstanding the almost irreparable losses by the conflagration at that city, they have risen from the ashes refreshed and invigorated by the terrible ordeal through which they have passed.

The proceedings of the Council of Deliberation, held in June last, make no recommendations which appear to require the action of this Council, and it is to be hoped that the resignation of Bro.: Hurlbut, as Deputy, made in his Report, may not be accepted, believing that his continuance in office is necessary to the advancement of the Rite in Illinois.

MICHIGAN.

The Ill.: Deputy, D. Burnham Tracy, 33°, for the District of Michigan, reports that the Rite in his District is enjoying a good degree of prosperity, and the efforts, that have been and are being made for the consolidation of the bodies of the Rite, are being crowned with success.

The charter of Mt. Calvary Chapter, at Adrian, has been surrendered, and the Brethren have assured the Ill.: Deputy that they would also surrender the charters of their Council and Lodge, and unite with the bodies at Detroit.

The Lodge and Council at Ann Arbor have surrendered their charters, and united with the bodies at Detroit. The Lodge and Council at Grand Rapids, have done no work for three years, and the Ill.: Deputy has been reluctant to demand their charters.

Peace and harmony, good will and brotherly love prevail in the District, and under the able and efficient management of Ill.: Bro.: Tracy, no doubt will continue.

No Council of Deliberation was held in the District.

WISCONSIN.

Your committee have examined the Report of the Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation for this District, held in December last at the city of Milwaukee, which was generally attended by those who have attained the 82d grade, also the S.: G.: Inspectors-General within the State.

A resolution was adopted recommending certain changes in the Constitution of the Supreme Council, and which your committee suggest be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

It was also resolved that charters be granted to the subordinate bodies of the Rite now under dispensation at the city of Portage, in which resolution your committee unanimously concur.

All which is fraternally submitted,

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| HENRY C. BANKS, | } | Committee. |
| RICHARD M. BARKER, | | |
| GEO. W. BENTLEY, | | |
| ALVIN B. ALDEN, | | |

HOMER S. GOODWIN,

On motion, that portion of the report which relates to the action of the Council of Deliberation of Wisconsin, concerning the change of the Constitution, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the remainder of the report was adopted.

Committee on Returns submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Returns respectfully report:

That the whole number of bodies chartered and under dispensation is 213. That the whole number of bodies making returns is 166, as follows:

MAINE.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members..... | 70 |
| " Chapter Rose Croix, | " " " | 123 |
| " Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 188 |
| " Lodge of Perfection, | " " " | 147 |

MASSACHUSETTS.

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|----------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| One Consistory. | Number of Members..... | 803 |
| Three Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 392 |
| Four Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 487 |
| Six Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 780 |

RHODE ISLAND.

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| Two Consistories, | Number of Members..... | 187 |
| " Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 140 |
| " Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 140 |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 145 |

CONNECTICUT.

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| Two Consistories, | Number of Members..... | 79 |
| " Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 82 |
| " Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 82 |
| Three Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 176 |

NEW YORK.

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| Seven Consistories, | Number of Members..... | 822 |
| Eight Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 787 |
| Nine Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 798 |
| Ten Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 990 |

NEW JERSEY.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members..... | 135 |
| Four Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 150 |
| " Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 179 |
| Five Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 275 |

PENNSYLVANIA.

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| Four Consistories, | Number of Members..... | 402 |
| " Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 409 |
| " Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 451 |
| Five Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 528 |

MICHIGAN.

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| Two Consistories, | Number of Members..... | 288 |
| Three Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 282 |
| Four Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 288 |
| Five Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 815 |

OHIO.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members .. | 840 |
| Two Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 350 |
| Three Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 899 |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 480 |

INDIANA.

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| Three Consistories, | Number of Members | 286 |
| " Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 248 |
| " Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 295 |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 889 |

ILLINOIS.

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| Six | Consistories, | Number of Members | 768 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 764 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 777 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 806 |

WISCONSIN.

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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members..... | 88 |
| Two | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 87 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 87 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 89 |

From July 1, 1871, to July 1, 1872, the number of G.: E.: P.: and S.: masons made in the several Lodges of Perfection in this jurisdiction are as follows:

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| Maine..... | 18 |
| Massachusetts | 125 |
| Rhode Island | 8 |
| Connecticut | 17 |
| New York..... | 178 |
| New Jersey | 43 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 66 |
| Michigan | 18 |
| Ohio | 47 |
| Indiana | 22 |
| Illinois | 85 |
| Wisconsin..... | 19 |

Therefore Massachusetts is entitled to two, New York to three and Pennsylvania to one additional nominations for the honorary grade of 33°.

Your Committee would further report, that in addition to the above there is standing to the credit of the following named States, the right to nominate for the honorary grade of 33°, as follows:

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| New Hampshire..... | 1 |
| Massachusetts | 15 |
| Rhode Island | 1 |
| Connecticut | 1 |
| New York..... | 4 |
| New Jersey | 1 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 4 |
| Ohio | 9 |
| Indiana | 11 |
| Illinois | 20 |
| Wisconsin..... | 1 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL SICKELS,
JOHN SHEVILLE,
ANTHONY E. STOCKER, } Committee.

Bro.: THOS. J. CORSON introduced Bro.: CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, of Bloomsburg, who had been duly elected an Active member of the SUPREME COUNCIL from the District of Pennsylvania. The Grand Commander informed him of his election, and requested his acceptance. Bro.: KNAPP expressed his thanks, signified his acceptance of the trust, and took his seat as an Active member of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Committee on Returns made further report, which was referred to Committee on Finance.

Bro.: A. E. STOCKER, offered the following amendment to Article 35 of the Constitutions: after word "include," in the third line of the second paragraph, strike out "expenses of, or compensation to any officer or member of the Council for attendance thereupon," and substitute, "compensation to any officer or member of the Council, except its Secretary and Sentinel, for attendance thereupon," which was referred to Committee on Constitutions.

Bro.: WOODBURY, of Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, to whom was referred a resolution (Proc. 1871, p. 68), instructing them to report an amendment to Article 2 of the Constitutions, respecting the *status* of Honorary members, which should be in accordance with the articles of union, have considered the subject, and report:

That the printed record for 1870, at page 111, contains the 2d Article as amended in 1870; the clause thereof referred to your committee reads: "All Honorary members shall be entitled to seats in this Supreme Council, except at elections. Those whose former *status* included such right, shall retain the privilege of a voice in deliberation."

This language has not been disturbed since the union.

In the Supreme Council whose East was at Boston, the Constitutions of 1860 authorized conferring the grade of Sov.: Ins.: -Gen.:, but makes no mention of Honorary members. Also in 1861. The *status* of the grade when visiting was alike for active and non-active.

In 1862, ten S.: P.: R.: S.: were elected and advanced to the grade of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: -Gen.: 33°, and the printed record states, "and were ranked as Honorary members of this Supreme Grand Council, and took their seats as such."

In 1863, fifteen S.: P.: R.: S.: were "advanced and elevated to the high grade of Inspectors-General of the thirty-third degree, with the rank of Honorary members of this Supreme Council."

In 1864, none were elected. A committee was appointed to amend the Constitutions, and this subject, among others, was referred to them.

In 1865, the subject of the *status* of those who should thereafter receive the grade again came under discussion. On May 19, 1865, the committee of 1864 reported: "The important question submitted relates to the organization of the Supreme Council, and the *status* in the Rite of those who shall hereafter receive the 33d degree. With the past we can do nothing, nor do we know it would be advisable to do anything if we could. All the powers, rights and prerogatives belonging to the degree of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, to the fullest extent, belong to those who have already received it, and it would not be wise or prudent, if we had the power, to attempt to curtail them. Also all of those who now, by virtue of official station or election, are Active members of the Supreme Council, must retain the rights and powers and privileges of active membership, until they voluntarily resign active membership, and their resignation is acquiesced in by the Council," &c.

The report is printed, p. 19; Proceedings 1865. The amendment to the Constitution was adopted the same morning. It provided that the grade of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General should be divided into three classes, viz: *Emeritus Members*, *Active Members*, *Honorary Members*. It provided for the latter thus: "They shall be entitled to seats in the Supreme Council when not in executive session, and shall be permitted to consult and deliberate upon matters appertaining to the general interests of the Rite. Those who, before the adoption of this amendment, were Honorary members, shall lose none of the rights they would have if this amendment had not been adopted, and shall be permitted to be in executive session, except in elections of Active members. It is understood, however, that all hereafter elected, accept the high honor as a tribute to their worth and upon the understanding and condition that they shall not exercise the other powers and prerogatives otherwise belonging to the grade or degree, and that their powers and privileges shall be subject to such revision and alteration as the Supreme Council may from time to time adjudge and determine." In the following classification of rank or dignity in the clause, appears, "4th, Present Honorary Members; 5th, Future Honorary Members."

At the time when the Constitution was amended into this form, only those who had been raised in 1862, 3 and 4, and a portion of those elected in 1865, were of this first grade of Honorary members. The line of demarcation between the first and second grade of Honorary members was settled by the Council, and your committee, without having

specially compared the lists, are satisfied that the general conclusions of the Sovereign Grand Commander in his report of 1870, as to the persons entitled to each, are correct.

POWERS OF HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE FIRST GRADE.

It will be observed that this position in the Council is one of courtesy. The old Constitutions contemplated there could be brethren of the degree in the jurisdiction who were not active members of the Council. The duties of the Council are executive and legislative. The order and process of business rests exclusively with active members. It is not a right as a part of the 3rd grade to participate in the business of the Council. The invitation to others of the grade to participate in deliberation, is purely complimentary on the part of the active members, and does not become a prerogative of those who receive it.

In 1865, after ample debate, the Constitution provided they should be entitled to seats in the Council, when not in Executive Session, and shall be permitted to consult and deliberate upon matters appertaining to the general interests of the Rite. To the extent of the Constitution of 1865, they clearly are entitled.

Referring to the years indicated, it will be seen by the record that occasionally business motions were made in Council by Honorary members. Often they were put on important committees, and (Record 1865, p. 5) provision for electing them to office, without thereby constituting them Active members, was made.

Previously to and in 1862-3-4-5, the Sovereign Grand Consistory sat at the same time with the Supreme Council, and performed much of the detail of business for its superior. The Honorary members of the Council having a vote in the Consistory, became necessarily the mediums for prompt communication between the bodies, and in reporting matters into the Council, occasionally made the proper motion to speed business. This the Council admitted for their own convenience. That they did not admit it as a right is seen by their course in 1864 and 1865. When their attention being called to it as a claim of right of grade, they clearly defined the limit of the privilege of courtesy to Honorary members in the Constitution of 1865. The Constitution of 1865, when read, with the report of the committee presenting the amendment, construed all this.

That committee professed its intention to preserve the prerogatives of the degree of Sov.: Inspector-General, and sought to define present and future rights in the amendment, which was adopted. If there was a doubt then whether the honorary grade was duly defined, then was the time to settle it. Your committee think this Supreme Council must take the Constitution of 1865 as the measure of the right, protected by our present Constitution. Certainly we have no power to revise that

instrument in order to supply any supposed omission or mistake therein.

Your committee further report, that at the time when the Constitution of 1865 was adopted, the phrase "executive session" was used, intending sessions for balloting and electing, and they have no knowledge of any custom then to transact other business in such sessions. Your committee are further of opinion that the Council may avail themselves of the abilities and experience of Honorary members in any part of their executive or legislative business, to such extent as the Council shall determine and the brother may be willing, but it is unable to find that the right to initiate business was ever granted as a constitutional power to those of the grade not Active or Emeritus members. A moment's reflection will show that if the right to initiate business rested in the Honorary members, the Supreme Council would be assisting them in their deliberations, instead of the converse; rules of the Council for the conduct of business could not be enforced; its will would not regulate its time; in place of being both legislative and executive, it would be reduced to the condition of a petit jury in a county court, compelled to listen to what others brought before it, with power to come to a direct vote when those, who had the right to initiate, chose to let it; anarchy instead of order would grow up; the Honorary visitors might initiate censures and impeachments, resort to dilatory motions well known in Parliamentary bodies, and in many ways oppose their will to the progress of business by injecting side issues. The Active members of the Council have all the responsibility of business; those holding an honorary seat at their board have none whatever. The initiation of business properly pertains to those responsible for it. The right of petition differs from the right to initiate business in the Council. Any brother of the Rite may be heard at the pleasure of the Council, but where is the legislative body or the judge to be found who must hear when the petitioner wills it, without regard to the order of business before them? Your committee have not learnt that Honorary members of the Council, prior to the union, had any Constitutional right to initiate business in Supreme Council, and are consequently compelled to report that no amendment is needed to cause Article 2 to conform to the Act of Union.

Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject in relation to those whose *status*, prior to the union, included a voice in deliberation.

SECOND CLASS OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The privileges of this class in Supreme Council does not include the right to a voice in deliberation, nor should it include the right to be present in Executive Session, and your committee think the Constitution should be amended as follows:

AMENDMENT.

Strike out the first two sentences of the fourth paragraph of Article 2, and insert instead thereof the following :

“ All Honorary members shall be entitled to a seat in this Supreme Council, except when in Executive Session. Those whose former *status* entitled them to a voice in deliberation, shall retain their privileges, and may be present in Executive Session, except when the subject of elections is before the Council.”

All of which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee,

CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY.

Which was received, and the recommendations taken up separately for action.

The first recommendation was adopted.

Bro.: CARSON offered a substitute for the second recommendation, and proposed to insert the following, instead of that reported by the committee: “ All Honorary members shall be entitled to a seat in this SUPREME COUNCIL, except at elections, or business relating thereto, with a voice in deliberation, but not a vote, or right to submit motions.”

Bro.: STOCKER moved to amend the substitute, by striking out the word “ elections ” and insert “ Executive Sessions.”

Bro.: BENJ. DEAN moved that the whole subject be postponed until the next annual session; which motion was adopted unanimously.

Bro.: BLADES offered a resolution to increase the mileage of members, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Supreme Council Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General of the 33d degree,
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.*

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would recommend that charters be granted to the following bodies, viz :

New Brunswick Lodge of Perfection, at New Brunswick, New Jersey;

Fort Winnebago Lodge of Perfection, at Portage, Wisconsin ;

Fort Winnebago Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Portage, Wisconsin :

Fort Winnebago Chapter of Rose Croix, at Portage, Wisconsin ; and
Templar Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at New York City ;

Their returns being complete, and their requests unanimously recommended by the Councils of Deliberation to which they are attached.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W. CARTER,
ANTHONY E. STOCKER,
D. BURNHAM TRACY, } Committee.

Bro.: A. G. GOODALL, Gen.: Foreign Representative, introduced Ill.: Bro.: ROBERT MARSHALL, 33°, Representative of the Supreme Council of England for the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, in the Dominion of Canada; also Ill.: Bros.: HUGH WILLIAMS CHISHOLM, 33°, and DAVID RANSOM MUNRO, 33°, of the Supreme Council of England, and members of the "Harington Sov.: Consistory for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia."

The Ill.: brethren were welcomed by the Gr.: Commander, and assigned seats in the SUPREME COUNCIL.

Bro.: BLADES moved that after this annual session, the regular sessions of this SUPREME COUNCIL be commenced each day at 2:30 P. M., and that there be but one session per day; which, on motion of Bro.: EVANS, was laid on the table until next annual session.

Bro.: JOHN W. SIMONS, for the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report:

Touching the matter of the offer of the Supreme Council of England to use its good offices as a mediator between this Supreme Council and the Grand Orient of France, referred to in the Grand Commander's address, it is, perhaps, a work of supererogation for us to add anything to the terse expressions of our chief; still, as we cannot too persistently exhibit our sentiments on this, to us, vital topic, we deem it well that this Supreme Council should, by its own act, once more place on record its determination to support the position held by all American masonic organizations on the question of jurisdiction, to the uttermost extremity. We say, therefore, that while we acknowledge with gratitude the kind and fraternal spirit evinced by the Supreme Council of England in

its offer to mediate, we respectfully decline to accept the proffered service, because we cannot and do not admit that there is any possible topic for argument connected with the differences between this Supreme Council and the French Grand Orient. Our right to regulate our own affairs on our own ground, and within the established limits of our jurisdiction, now, henceforth and forever, cannot be submitted to debate, because nothing can change it except our own act, and we therefore repeat that we cannot submit this established right to any arbitrament whatever.

In respect to the documents from the Grand Orient of France, submitted with the Grand Commander's address, we have to report that they should receive neither reply nor notice.

Having considered the communication sent us by the Supreme Council of Greece, and examined additional documents on the subject, we deem it wise to defer any act of recognition, until further and more satisfactory information has been furnished.

A. G. GOODALL,
JOHN W. SIMONS, } Committee.

Which was accepted, and the recommendations severally adopted.

The Committee on Condition of the Rite made the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE RITE.

In regard to that portion of the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander's address referred to this committee, relative to the invasion of jurisdiction, the committee perceive but one case which need receive the attention of the Supreme Council. The position taken by our sister jurisdiction of Canada, in refusing to recognize Bro.: ARTHUR FLETCHER, who received the degrees in one of our subordinate bodies, is perfectly consistent with the provisions of our own Constitution on that point. In consequence of which, no remedy suggests itself to relieve that brother from his disability in that regard, other than may be effected through fraternal intervention. We would therefore recommend that the subject be referred to our M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com., that he may take such fraternal measures, through the Supreme Council of that jurisdiction, as may best secure to that brother the rights he may be entitled to, so far as it may be done, under the ritualistic privileges of that order.

JOSEPH D. EVANS,
CHAS. W. MOORE, } Committee.
F. A. BLADES,

Which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

The General Session was then called off, and the SUPREME COUNCIL went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The time of

STEPHEN J. YOUNG, of Maine,
THOMAS B. SHOAF, of Indiana,
A. S. CHASE, " "
J. A. HUTTON, " "
ROBERT J. SHAW, " "
W. H. FOGG, " "
GILBERT W. BARNARD, of Illinois,
A. H. SWAIN, " "
J. J. STEIGER, " "
A. J. WARNER, of New York,
JAS. H. HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania,
GETER C. SHIDLE, " "

were extended until the close of the next annual session.

The following named Ill.: brethren were then elected to receive the honorary grade of 33°:

CHARLES ROOME, of New York.
A. L. NORTHRUP, " " "
WALTER M. FLEMING, " " "
WM. V. ALEXANDER, " " "
JAMES McCREDIE, " " "
P. STRONG WILSON, " " "

The SUPREME COUNCIL took a recess till 2:30 P. M.

Labor resumed in General Session at 2:30 P. M.

The credentials of Bro.: D. SICKELS, as Representative of the Supreme Council of Central America, at Costa Rica, were received, and Bro.: SICKELS was duly accredited as Representative of that body near this SUPREME COUNCIL.

Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the communication of the Supreme Council for England and Wales, of Dec. 7, 1871, report that they have considered the rules therein suggested to be the rules of courtesy and equity between Sovereign Councils, and that their principles are now binding on all Supreme Councils. Whether a treaty is needed to give them validity, your committee do not express an opinion. They report that the Secretary General, under the direction of the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, be directed to communicate the views of this Council to the three Supreme Councils having their Grand Estates in Great Britain and Ireland.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY, *for the Committee.*

On motion of Bro.: GOODALL, Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS was excused for non-attendance.

On motion of Bro.: DEAN, the motion to receive and spread upon the records, the Act of Incorporation of "The Trustees of the SUPREME COUNCIL," and print the same with the transactions, was taken up for action.

Bro.: N. H. GOULD moved as a substitute, that the entire document be printed on separate sheets, and distributed to the members of this SUPREME COUNCIL for their consideration; which was carried, and the motion, as amended, adopted.

Bro.: R. M. C. GRAHAM offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Most Puissant Brother ALBERT PIKE, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, be, and he is hereby elected an Honorary member of this Supreme Council.

The following named Princes of the Royal Secret were introduced, and the thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon them in due form, and they were duly received and proclaimed Ill.: Inspectors-General of the thirty-third degree, and Honorary members of the SUPREME COUNCIL for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States:

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| AARON LOCKWOOD NORTHRUP, | New York City, N. Y. |
| CHARLES ROOME, | " " " |
| WALTER MILLARD FLEMING, | " " " |
| WM. VAUGHAN ALEXANDER, | " " " |

MARSHALL BURR SMITH, Passaic, N. J.
HENRY SARTAIN, Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.
JAMES HERRON HOPKINS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
GETER CROSBY SHIDLE, " "

Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS, of Committee on Constitutions and Laws, submitted propositions for the modification of Article 27; all of which were received, ordered to be published with the proceedings, and re-committed to the Committee on Constitutions and Laws, to be reported upon at the next annual session.

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws beg leave to report the following modifications to Article 27, so that it shall read:

1. "An Active member who has served as such for fifteen consecutive years, and resigns that position, will become an Emeritus member, and may sit in Council at all times, and be entitled to voice and also to vote on all questions except that of Active membership; provided, always, that in all other cases the rank of Emeritus membership shall depend on a vote of the Council, and in absence of such vote, he shall take rank as an Honorary member of the Council, with the right to be present at all times, but without a vote."

2. "An Active member who shall vacate his Active membership, may become an Emeritus member, and may sit in Council at all times, and be entitled to voice and also to vote on all questions, except that of Active membership; provided, always, that the rank of Emeritus membership shall depend on a vote of the Council, and in absence of such vote, he shall take rank as an Honorary member of the Council, with the right to be present at all times, but without a vote."

3. An *Emeritus* member may waive his privileges as such, and be entered, at his own request, upon the retired list, with the right to be present at all times in Supreme Council, but without voice or vote.

JOSEPH D. EVANS, *for Committee.*

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws submitted the following report:

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws beg leave to report a change to Article 2, so far as to give a ceremonial position to the Representatives of other Supreme Councils.

We would recommend that they take position immediately before the Active members, which will be No. 18, altering the following numbers in the regular order.

JOSEPH D. EVANS, *for Committee.*

Which was unanimously adopted, and the Constitution amended accordingly.

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws made the following report, which was adopted, and the Constitution amended accordingly.

The Committee on the Constitutions, beg leave respectfully to report the following alteration to Art. 48 of the Constitution, affecting the form of petition for dispensation or charter, so that it shall be in form and read as follows:

"Your petitioners, being members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, now or lately members of....., in the State and valley of....., and being anxious to increase the knowledge and the true interest of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, by the cultivation of the sublime and superior degrees, would respectfully solicit your Supreme Body to grant them a dispensation to open a....., to be located....., and named....., of which....., to be the first..... (here name the first four officers in case of Lodge of Perfection and Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and the first three in case of Chapter and Conistory), and confer the degrees thereunto belonging, and transact such other business as may appertain to this particular body; and if the prayer of your petitioners be granted, they pledge themselves to conform in all things to the rules and regulations, and general laws made for the government of, and to abide by and conform to the Constitutions of the Rite.

Signature. | Highest degree attained. | Member of."

JOSEPH D. EVANS, *for Committee.*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the proposition of Bro.: A. E. STOCKER, to amend Article 35 of Constitution, reported adversely thereon; which report was adopted.

Bro.: CHAS. L. WOODBURY, of Committee on Jurisprudence, made the following report:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the report of the Deputy for Pennsylvania, relating to the rules adopted by the Council of Deliberation of that State, concerning Honorary membership, report that they consider the tenth Article of those rules objectionable. That body has no power under the Constitution to make Honorary members. It is within their province as a Council of Deliberation to admit S.: Princes of the 82d degree to courtesies of a seat

or a voice in their meetings, but they cannot give them a permanent status. The courtesy must be at the will of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. WOODBURY, *for Committee.*

Which was adopted.

On motion of Bro.: BLADES, the Committee on Constitutions and Laws were requested to prepare and present a revised Constitution and a code of by-laws and regulations, at the next annual session, for the government of this **SUPREME COUNCIL**.

The **SUPREME COUNCIL** was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20, 1872.

SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M.

Minutes of Thursday's transactions read and approved.

Ill.: JAMES DOMVILLE, 33°, of the Supreme Council of England, and member of the Harrington Sov.: Consistory of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was present as a visitor.

Bro.: TRACY stated that Bro.: A. T. METCALF having received a telegram informing him of the serious illness of his son, had been obliged to leave for home without formal leave of absence; and moved that Bro.: METCALF be excused. The motion was adopted.

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies made the following supplementary report, which was accepted:

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies beg leave to submit the following supplementary report:

NEW YORK.

The report of the transactions of the Council of Deliberation of this District, held at Albany, February 7th, is very satisfactory, and shows that the Rite is in a healthy and prosperous condition. The attendance

was large, embracing more than fifty duly accredited Representatives, and twenty members of the Supreme Council. The admirable address of the Ill.: Deputy of the District, Orrin Welch, reviews the events of the past masonic year, and presents a concise history of the condition of the Rite in the District.

The Council, by a unanimous vote, recommend the Supreme Council to grant a warrant to "Templar Council, Princes of Jerusalem," of the city of New York, which recommendation is cordially concurred in by your committee.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. BANKS,
GEO. W. BENTLEY,
RICHARD M. BARKER,
ALVIN B. ALDEN,
HOMER S. GOODWIN, } Committee.

Bro.: A. G. GOODALL presented a resolution of thanks to the officers and members of Kane Lodge, No. 454, for the use of their rooms at this session; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Bro.: DEAN, the resolution of Bro.: N. H. GOULD, to print the Act of Incorporation on sheets and not in the proceedings, was reconsidered.

Bro.: STOCKER moved that the report be received and published with the transactions; and that further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next annual session of this SUPREME COUNCIL, which was adopted:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

On Saturday, the fourteenth day of September, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-two, at three o'clock P. M., Wm. S. Gardner, Chas. Levi Woodbury, Charles W. Moore, Nathaniel Shurtleff and Samuel C. Lawrence assembled at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts, in accordance with the following notice, which had been regularly served upon each of them, August 1, 1872:

To WILLIAM S. GARDNER, CHARLES W. MOORE, CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, NATHANIEL B. SHURTELLF.

You being named in an Act of Incorporation passed and approved April 24, 1872, entitled an Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and being chapter 252 of the Laws of Massachusetts, passed in the year 1872, are notified to be present at a meeting

to be held at the Masonic Temple, corner of Tremont and Boylston streets, Boston, Mass., on Saturday, Sept. 14, 1872, at three o'clock P. M., to see if you will accept said charter or Act of Incorporation, and organize under the same, choose a President, elect a Secretary and Treasurer of said incorporation, make by-laws and regulations, and transact such other business as may be necessary to fully organize said corporation.

Dated at Boston, Aug. 1, 1872.

(Signed.)

WM. SEWALL GARDNER,
CHAS. W. MOORE,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY,
NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF.

We severally acknowledge that duplicate originals of the above notice were given to us on the first day of August, 1872.

WM. S. GARDNER,
CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY,
CHAS. W. MOORE,
NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE.

Boston, Sept. 14, 1872.

W. S. Gardner called the meeting to order. Chas. Levi Woodbury read the Act of Incorporation, a copy of which, certified by the Secretary of State, was present.

On motion, Chas. Levi Woodbury was chosen chairman of the meeting, and Wm. S. Gardner, Secretary.

On motion of Chas. W. Moore, Voted, to accept said Act of Incorporation.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE SCOTTISH RITE OF FREE-MASONRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. William S. Gardner, Charles Levi Woodbury, Charles W. Moore, Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, and Samuel C. Lawrence, their successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Trustees of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and said Trustees shall, from time to time, as they may by their by-laws prescribe, elect a President, a Secretary, and such other officers of said corporation as they may judge necessary, and prescribe the tenure and duties of said officers, and fill, by election, all vacancies in said Board of Trustees as they may occur.

SEC. 2. Said Trustees may receive, manage, and convey such real and personal estate, not exceeding in all one hundred thousand dollars, as may be deposited with them by or for the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, to such uses as said Council may appoint, and shall report their doings to such Supreme Council, and submit their accounts and records to the inspection of said Council. They may also receive and execute the trust of gifts and devises made to them for specific charitable objects of relief of aged, sick or decayed members of any of the associations or degrees of that Rite depending on said Supreme Council, or for the relief of poor widows and orphans of members of any degree of said Rite, whether said trusts are to be performed and executed in this or any other State of the United States, where said Rite is practiced.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall be located at Boston. Active or Honorary members of the said Supreme Council only shall be eligible to be appointed or act as Trustees, and a majority of said Trustees shall be residents of this State, and the annual meetings, all meetings to make by-laws and elections, shall be held in this State, but special meetings may be held in any State where the said Supreme Council lawfully may sit. No Trustee shall hire or use any portion of funds entrusted to said Boards, or be surety for loans thereof to others. Said Trustees shall be subject to the duties and liabilities, and shall have the powers and privileges set forth in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force applicable to such corporation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 22, 1872.

Passed to be enacted,

JOHN E. SANFORD, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, April 24, 1872.

Passed to be enacted,

HORACE C. COOLIDGE, *President.*

April 24, 1872.

Approved,

W. B. WASHBURN.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 2, 1872.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original act.

OLIVER WARNER,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

On motion, Voted, to proceed to the election of President and Secretary of the Corporation.

Wm. S. Gardner was chosen President, and Chas. Levi Woodbury was chosen Secretary, and was sworn, as appears by the following certificate:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUFFOLK, ss.

September 15, 1872.

Then personally appeared Charles Levi Woodbury, and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of Secretary of the Trustees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Before me,

(Signed,) WM. S. GARDNER,
Justice of the Peace.

On motion Charles Levi Woodbury, Charles W. Moore and Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, were appointed a committee to draft and report a code of by-laws for the Corporation.

The committee presented the following by-laws, which were unanimously adopted.

BY-LAWS.

1st. There shall be a President and Treasurer chosen from the Board, and a Secretary, who may be chosen from the Honorary or Active members of the Supreme Council.

2d. The President shall act as Chairman of all meetings of the Board when he is present, and may convene special meetings of the Board in his discretion. He shall lay before the Board all matters that concern them, and take care that the records are duly kept, and see that the resolves of the Board are carried out when that duty is not devolved on others. The Secretary shall be sworn and shall faithfully keep the records of the meetings, and all papers deposited with him.

3d. MEETINGS. The annual meeting for election shall be on St. John the Baptist's day, or on some convenient day near to the Summer Solstice. Officers shall hold over till their successors are elected.

Quarterly meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of December, March, June and September.

Three members may call a meeting at any time by giving previous notice to all the Trustees.

In the absence of the President, a Chairman *pro tem.* may be elected.

A majority of Corporators must be present in person to make a quorum.

Trustees may vote by proxy given to another Trustee at an election, and by special proxy any absent Trustee may authorize another Trustee to throw his vote on a particular measure, expressing in writing how it shall be cast, which written proxy shall be entered on the minutes and filed with the records, but no general proxy shall be allowed.

No measure, except to adjourn, can be adopted without the consent of the majority of the Board.

These by-laws may be amended by unanimous consent of the Trustees at any meeting ; or by three-fourths of the Trustees at any meeting called for the purpose. Additional articles, not conflicting with the above, may be added by vote of four-fifths of the Trustees.

Vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled only by the unanimous election of a new corporator.

4th. The Treasurer shall faithfully keep the accounts of the Board, and shall open separate accounts of all trusts, and see that proper vouchers are given and taken in all money transactions.

All moneys received shall be deposited in the corporate name, and invested in said name, with proper designations of the trust it pertains to.

Checks shall be drawn as they may be authorized by the Board, and shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Treasurer, and the income shall be collected by the Treasurer and paid into the Treasury. The account books shall be those of the Board, and each of the Trustees shall have access to them on demand.

Investments must be voted by a majority of the Board of Trustees.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, *Voted*, to proceed with the election of Treasurer.

Samuel C. Lawrence was unanimously chosen Treasurer, and he accepted the office.

Voted, That Charles Levi Woodbury and Charles W. Moore be a committee to present to the Supreme Council, at its session in New York, a copy of the organization and doings of the corporation.

Voted, To adjourn.

A true copy,

Attest, CHARLES LEVI WOOBURY, *Secretary*.

Bro.: STOCKER offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary General, under the direction of the Finance Committee, prepare and furnish to each Deputy, a *Register*, wherein to insert the name, age, occupation, residence, date of reception of each degree, from the 4th to 32d both inclusive, with date of withdrawal, suspension, expulsion or death, so far as the same may be practicable, to be kept by said Deputy, and to be transmitted by him to his successor in office as the property of this Supreme Council.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred a communication from England relative to Article XI, Constitutions of 1786, asked permission to report thereon at next session; which was granted.

Bro.: A. G. GOODALL offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to examine the text of the Ancient Constitutions of 1786, and report if any corrections are necessary in the copies in use in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander presented the following communication, received by him since the commencement of the session, which was read and ordered to be published with the Proceedings:

FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE DEPENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNDER THE C. C. OF THE ZENITH NEAR THE B. B., ANSWERING TO 51° 30' N. LAT., AND 6° W. MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH.

To Ill.: Br.: ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°, *Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of England, Wales, and the Colonies, near the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, U. S.*

DEAR AND ILL.: SIR AND BROTHER:

I have the honor to submit to you for the information of the M.: P.: S.: G.: Cr.: of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted at a special meeting of this Supreme Council 33°, 4th June, 1872, to wit:

WHEREAS, It has been brought to our knowledge that the M.: P.: S.: G.: Cr.: of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States has been authorized to extend courtesy and hospitality to those members of our Council who may visit the United States, either before or after their tour of Inspection through the Canadas:

Resolved, That, while fully appreciating the world renowned hospitality and courtesy of the members of the A.: and A.: Rite in the United States, the expression of their great regret at not being able to accept so kind and cordial an invitation, through the individual engagements of their members, should be sent to the Grand Representative of this Supreme Council near that Grand East, to be communicated offi-

cially to the M.: P.: S.: G.: Cr.: of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

I have the honor to be.

Dear and Ill.: Sir and Bro.:,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

J. M. P. MONTAGUE, 38^o,

Grand Secretary General.

33 Golden Square, London W., [SEAL.]

June 8, 1872.

Bro.: BLADES offered the following substitute for Article 31 of Constitution, which was adopted :

ART. 31. All returns shall be made by the first day of July in each year.

One copy of returns, with DUES, shall be made to the Deputy of the District.

One copy of the returns shall be made to the Gr.: Sec.: General.

The returns to both officers above mentioned shall be made by the first day of August in each year.

The Deputy of the District shall make his return and pay over the dues of the subordinate bodies by the fifteenth day of August in each year.

The Secretary of each body shall, immediately after each election of officers, transmit a certificate thereof to the Deputy of the District, and to the Gr.: Sec.: General, with the Post-Office address of the Secretary.

Also the following amendment to Article 7, which was adopted :

Insert after the word "Council," in fourth line from the bottom of page 6 of the printed Constitution, the following : "He shall furnish all the subordinate bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction with blank returns in triplicate, by the first day of June in each year."

Bro.: BLADES submitted the following resolution, which was adopted as a standing regulation :

Resolved, That all subordinate bodies failing to make returns and pay dues to the officers named and within the time specified by Article 31 of the Constitution, for two consecutive years, without satisfactory reasons to the Supreme Council, shall forfeit their warrants. And it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary General and Deputy of

the District to report such delinquents. And in the event of failure to make reasonable excuse, the Supreme Council may proceed at once to demand the warrants and properties of such delinquent body or bodies.

Bro.: A. E. STOCKER offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Article 31 of the Constitution, as now amended, and the standing resolution appertaining thereto, as now adopted, be transmitted in circular form by the Secretary General, to each Deputy and subordinate body in this jurisdiction, within sixty days after the close of this Supreme Council.

On motion of Bro.: LUCIUS R. PAIGE,

Voted, That the Grand Commander be authorized to convene the Supreme Council at any place he may deem expedient; as per resolution adopted at last session. (See p. 107, Proc. 1871.)

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was accepted:

To the Supreme Council.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report: That so far as they have been able to ascertain, all the unfinished business has been continued in the hands of the various committees to whom it has been referred by this Supreme Council; and they may, or may not be able to report at this session.

N. H. GOULD, | Committee.
R. M. BARKER, |

On motion of Bro.: CHAS. L. WOODBURY, Article 46 of Constitution, was continued another year.

Bro.: A. G. GOODALL moved that the dues of Aurora Grata Consistory for this term be remitted, and the motion was referred to Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

The report* of the Gr.: Secretary General, Daniel Sickels, contains a recapitulation of the receipts from Nov. 7, 1871, to Dec. 12, 1871, amounting to \$4,005, which were paid to the Gr.: Treasurer General,

*As the Finance Committee give full abstracts of the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer General, the publication of those reports in detail is omitted.

as per report of the Committee on Finance of December 12, 1871.

The committee have audited the account of the Gr.: Secretary General from Dec. 12, 1871, to Sept. 16, 1872, and have found it correct.

The receipts are as follows:

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| Fees for the Thirty-third degree..... | \$2,600 00 |
| Dues of Subordinate Bodies | 5,265 00 |
| For Diplomas, 140 parchment, 59 Bristol board, and 1 Prince of Jerusalem..... | 987 00 |
| For Rituals | 20 00 |
| " Dispensation | 50 00 |
| Total received..... | <u>\$8,872 00</u> |

Of which amount there was paid to the Gr.: Treasurer General, Heman Ely:

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| Aug. 20, 1872..... | \$8,712 09 |
| " 23, " | 1,544 32 |
| Sept. 17, " | 3,615 59 |
| | <u>\$8,872 00</u> |

The Committee on Finance have examined the account of the Ill.: Gr.: Treasurer Gen.:, Heman Ely, have compared the same with the vouchers which have been duly approved, and have found it correct.

A synopsis of this account is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1871.

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| Nov. 14. Balance on hand (Proceedings of 1871, p. 102).... | \$ 8,925 08 |
| " 16. Cash from Grand Secretary General..... | 600 00 |
| " 25. " " " " " | 8,291 00 |
| Dec. 12. " " " " " | 114 00 |

1872.

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| Ap'l 19. Dividend of 4 per cent. on 65 shares of New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company. | 260 00 |
| Aug. 22. Cash from Grand Secretary General | 3,712 09 |
| " 23. " " " " " | 1,544 32 |

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| Total received | \$18,446 49 |
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EXPENDITURES.

1871.

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| Nov. 17. Cash paid Daniel Sickels, balance of salary of assist- ant, appropriated June 17, 1870..... | \$ 500 00 |
| " " " " Daniel Sickels, for expressage, postage and translation of foreign documents | 123 84 |
| " " " " A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter end- ing Sept. 30, 1871 | '250 00 |

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| Nov. 17. | Cash paid Kennard and Hays, for 2,000 blank returns, 60 parchment diplomas, and 600 government stamped envelopes, circulars, etc. | \$ 235 28 |
| " " " | N. A. Thompson, in adjustment of a claim as per appropriation (Proc. of 1871, p. 104) | 100 00 |
| " " " | A. G. Goodall, for translation of Spanish and Portuguese documents | 50 00 |
| " " " | F. A. Pierce, for services as Gr.: Seneschal at the session of Nov., 1871.. | 20 00 |
| " " " | Frank E. Jones, for cleaning apartments | 20 00 |
| " " " | D. B. Tracy, Ill.: Deputy, for expenses of District Convention, expressage, postage, etc. | 34 44 |
| " " " | Otis Cole, Ill.: Marshal of the Camp, for mileage..... | 34 32 |
| " " " | C. W. Moore, for expenses incurred in negotiating the purchase of documents | 10 00 |
| " " " | J. H. Drummond, for expressage, postage, etc..... | 15 00 |
| " " " | John Caven, Ill.: Deputy, for expressage, postage, etc..... | 12 57 |
| " " " | E. T. Carson, Ill.: Deputy, for expressage, postage, etc..... | 6 00 |
| Dec. 7. | Orrin Welch, Ill.: Deputy, for expressage, postage, etc..... | 15 00 |
| " " " | Members for mileage and per diem, as per pay roll of Nov. 17, 1871 | 2,000 50 |
| " 14. | Vincent L. Hurlbut, appropriation for the benefit of the Chicago bodies.... | 1,800 00 |
| " " " | A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1871.... | 250 00 |
| " 30. | Vermilye & Co., for 65 shares of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company. | 6,188 87 |
| 1872. | | |
| Ap'l 16. | A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter ending March 31, 1872..... | 250 00 |
| May 6. | American Bank Note Company, for 2,000 certificates of membership | 150 00 |
| July 5. | A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter ending June 30, 1872..... | 250 00 |
| " 22. | E. Williams & Co., for 8 jewels for Emeritus members..... | 284 00 |

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| Aug. 2. Cash paid E. Williams & Co., for engraving 3 jewels for Emeritus members. | \$ 9 60 |
| " 23. " " C. E. Sickels, for electrotype of jewels of Honorary members, etc. | 25 75 |
| " " " C. E. Sickels, for electrotype of sashes .. | 3 25 |
| " " " Kennard & Hays, for 240 parchment diplomas, 250 Bristol board dip- lomas, 1,500 copies of proceedings, 700 government stamped envelopes, etc..... | 1,484 32 |
| " " " Masonic Publishing Company, for 300 cloth tucks, and 100 cloth cases.... | 31 00 |
| Total expended | \$13,598 22 |

Of this amount, \$6,183.37 were invested agreeably to a resolution passed at the last session, in the purchase of 65 shares of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, at 95 cents on the dollar. The shares yielded a dividend of 4 per cent. in April last, and are now worth nearly their par value.

1872.

Sept. 17. Balance on hand \$4,848 27

Your committee respectfully recommend the payment of the following claims:

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| The Masonic Publishing Company, for 358 copies of the Ritual of the Lodge of Perfection | \$ 468 72 |
| J. B. Smith, for refreshments provided at the session of Nov.. 1871 | 252 15 |
| William D. Stratton, for drawing a fac-simile of the Honorary members' jewel..... | 5 00 |
| Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for rent to Oct. 1, 1872. | 125 00 |
| Daniel Sickels, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:, for an American flag, post- age, premium on policy of insurance, etc..... | 92 70 |
| J. H. Drummond, for printing, expressage, postage, etc..... | 21 35 |
| E. T. Carson (Com. on Rituals), for printing, expressage, postage, etc. | 24 00 |
| Daniel Sickels. Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:, for translation of foreign documents, stationery, etc. | 56 25 |
| A. P. Moriarty, for Standard for Supreme Council | 200 00 |
| Otis Cole, Ill.: Marshal of the Camp, mileage..... | 30 00 |
| Chas. H. Brown, " " " " | 65 84 |
| Robert H. Waterman, " " " " | 11 52 |
| Charles H. Titus, Grand Prior, " for services on records, etc..... | 18 72 |
| Robert E. Roberts, for services as Gr.: Seneschal at the ses- sion of September, 1872 | 20 00 |

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| Robert E. Roberts, for stationery | \$ | 1 56 |
| George Skinner, for cleaning apartments. | | 20 00 |
| R. M. C. Graham, for jewel destroyed in perfecting the sample jewel for active members | | 24 50 |
| A. G. Goodall, for postage on official communications to foreign Grand Bodies | | 25 14 |
| Total. | | \$1,482 45 |

Since the commencement of the session, the Grand Secretary General has received for dues \$2,231, for diplomas \$110, for dispensation \$50, and fees for the thirty-third degree \$1,600 ; which amounts, added to the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer General, \$4,848.27, makes a total of \$8,839.27. If the several claims, amounting to \$1,482.45, recommended for payment, be paid, and also the pay-roll of members, amounting to \$1,665, the allowances for deputies, amounting to \$260, and the bill for refreshments served at this session, the amount of which your committee cannot at present definitely ascertain, there will remain at the close of the session, a balance of available funds of about five thousand dollars, all of which may be required to meet the current expenses of the ensuing term.

The proposition to increase the mileage and per diem of members of the Supreme Council, referred to the Committee on Finance, has been duly investigated, and they find that there has been no increase in the receipts of the Supreme Council sufficient to warrant, at present, an increase in the payment for mileage and per diem ; and your committee urge earnestly that no action be taken at this session for an increase.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, be tendered to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Kane Lodge, No. 454, Free and Accepted Masons, for the use of their commodious and elegant apartments, and for the fraternal courtesies extended by them during the present session.

The Committee on Finance submitted a report, Dec. 12, 1871, completing the examination of the Grand Secretary's account to that date, and also a report dated Dec. 16, 1871, describing the jewel of an Honorary member, with an accompanying electrototype.

The committee request that further time be granted them to procure and publish electrotypes of the jewels of the Active and Emeritus members and of Grand Representatives of the Supreme Council, with full powers to make such changes in the jewels as they shall find expedient.

Agreeably to the order of the Supreme Council, jewels have been procured and delivered to each of the three Emeritus members who had none. The election of a new Active member suggests the propriety of instructing the Committee on Finance to procure and present to Ill.:

Christian F. Knapp, an Active member's jewel, and your committee recommend such instruction.

On account of severe losses incurred by fire, and for other good and sufficient reasons, the committee recommend that the dues of the following bodies be remitted:

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| Mount Moriah Consistory, N. H., dues of 1870 and 1871..... | \$ 10 00 |
| Winslow Lewis Lodge, " " 1872 | 5 00 |
| Fort Wayne " Ind., balance | 8 00 |
| Fort Wayne Consistory, " balance | 5 00 |
| Hamilton Council, " dues of 1868 | 6 00 |
| Terre Haute Lodge, " " " | 12 00 |
| Carson Consistory, Ill., dues of 1871 and 1872..... | 10 00 |
| Lively Chapter, " " " | 10 00 |
| Van Rensselaer Council, " " " | 10 00 |
| H. A. Johnson Lodge, " " " | 10 00 |
| Horeb Council, Mich., balance | 2 00 |
| Ann Arbor Council, " dues of 1870, 1871 and 1872..... | 15 00 |
| Oriental Lodge, " " " " | 15 00 |
| Cyrus Council, " " " " | 5 00 |
| Moriah L. of P., " " " " | 5 00 |
| St. John's Consistory, Penn, dues of 1871..... | 5 00 |
| " Chapter, " " " | 5 00 |
| " Council, " " " | 5 00 |
| " L. of P., " " " | 5 00 |
| Total | \$148 00 |

The number of candidates elected to the honorary grade of the thirty-third degree is as follows:

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| Elected in 1869, 16, died 1, lapsed 1..... | 14 |
| " " 1870, 47, " 4..... | 43 |
| " " 1871, 55, | 55 |

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| Received the degree before June 16, 1870..... | 8 |
| " " " from June 16, 1870, to Nov. 7, 1871..... | 45 |
| " " " Nov 7, 1871, to Dec. 12, 1871..... | 18 |
| " " " Dec. 12, 1871, to Sept. 16, 1872 | 26 |

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| Number to whom the degree was due Sept. 16, 1872, as per reports received to that date..... | 15 |
| Of whom there received the degree Aug. 29, as per later report.... | 2 |

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| Number to whom the degree was due Sept. 16 | 13 |
| Of whom there lapsed | 1 |

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| Time extended for..... | 12 |
| Elected in 1872 | 16 |

— 28 —

Received the degree from Sept. 16, to Sept. 20, 1872, inclusive.....14

Number to whom the degree is due.....14

The following tabular statement shows the receipt of dues from the subordinate bodies for the term ending June 30, 1872:

| State. | Amount due. | Amount paid. | Balance due. | Mkg. no returns. |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Maine | \$ 195 | \$ 195 | .. | .. |
| New Hampshire..... | 59 | 59 | .. | .. |
| Vermont..... | 5 | .. | 5 | 1 |
| Massachusetts..... | 1,253 | 1,253 | .. | .. |
| Rhode Island..... | 184 | 184 | .. | .. |
| Connecticut..... | 116 | 116 | .. | .. |
| New York..... | 2,137 | 1,603 | 534 | 6 |
| New Jersey..... | 573 | 509 | 64 | .. |
| Pennsylvania..... | 762 | 762 | .. | .. |
| Ohio..... | 693 | 693 | .. | .. |
| Indiana..... | 350 | 270 | 80 | 16 |
| Illinois..... | 456 | 456 | .. | .. |
| Michigan..... | 332 | 267 | 65 | .. |
| Wisconsin..... | 252 | 252 | .. | .. |
| | \$7,367 | \$6,619 | \$748 | 23 |

The dues remaining unpaid are as follows :

NEW YORK.

1868. 1869 1870. 1871 1872.

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|-------------------------------|----|----|----|-------------------------|--------------|
| Aurora Grata Consistory | 90 | 85 | 75 | 260 | \$460 |
| " " Chapter | 40 | 22 | 17 | 27 | 119 |
| " " Council | | | 56 | 17 | 78 |
| " " L. of P..... | | | 32 | 20 | 52 |
| Lafayette Chapter | 5 | 5 | 5 | No returns for 3 years. | 15 |
| Garibaldi Council | 5 | 5 | 5 | " " " " " | 15 |
| " " L. of P..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | " " " " " | 15 |
| Auburn Council | 5 | 5 | 5 | " " " " " | 15 |
| Jerusalem " Penn Yan. | 5 | 5 | 5 | " " " " " | 15 |
| La Fraternidad Chapter.. | 5 | 5 | " | " " " 1872. | 10 |
| Cosmopolitan Consistory. | | | 60 | | 60 |
| Zeal and Constancy Chapt | | | 31 | | 31 |
| New York Council | | | 47 | | 47 |
| New York L. of P..... | | | 56 | | 56 |
| Penn Yan L. of P..... | | | | No returns since 1866. | |
| | | | | | \$983 |

VERMONT.

| | | |
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| Haswell L. of P..... | 5 | 5 |
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NEW JERSEY.

1872.

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|-------------------------|----|--------------|
| Newark Council..... | 26 | 26 |
| St. John's L. of P..... | 38 | 38 |
| | | <u>\$ 64</u> |

INDIANA.

1870. 1871. 1872.

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|--------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| Richmond Consistory... | 5 | 5 | No returns for 2 years | 10 |
| " Chapter..... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| " Council..... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| " L. of P..... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| Lynden A. Smith..... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| Vigo Chapter..... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| Anderson L. of P..... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| Logan Council | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| Hamilton L. of P..... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| Cambridge L. of P | 5 | 5 | No returns for 3 years | 15 |
| Hamilton Council..... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| Terre Haute L. of P ... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 10 |
| Lafayette Consistory ... | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 5 |
| " Chapter | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 5 |
| " Council. | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 5 |
| " L. of P. | 5 | 5 | " " " " " " | 5 |
| | | | | <u>\$145</u> |

MICHIGAN.

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|------------------------|---|----|--------------|
| Moriah L. of P..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Cyrus Council..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Zion L. of P..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Darius L. of P..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Mount Calvary Chapter. | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Jackson Consistory.... | | 15 | 15 |
| " Chapter | | 9 | 9 |
| " Council. | | 11 | 11 |
| " L. of P..... | | 5 | 5 |
| | | | <u>\$ 90</u> |

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| The total dues remaining unpaid as per above table is..... | \$1287 |
| There are due at the present time for diplomas. | 90 |
| And for certificates of membership.. | 110 |
| Total..... | <u>\$1487</u> |

There are 28 bodies which have not made any returns for the present year, and of these nine bodies have made none for two years, six have made no returns for three years, and one has made no return since 1866. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sov.: Gr.: Commander be requested to investigate the condition of all the bodies which have failed to make returns and pay dues for two years, and to revoke their charters, unless he shall find good cause for continuing them.

Your committee have duly considered the resolution adopted at the last session, instructing them to report some plan for setting apart a portion of the income to constitute a permanent fund for this Supreme Council, and the committee heartily recommend that twenty per cent. of the annual receipts be set apart to constitute a permanent fund, as well as also fifty per cent. of the balance of the receipts of each term which shall remain unexpended at the close of the term. Said plan to go into effect at the next annual session. The Committee on Finance in the meantime, shall invest any surplus, in accordance with the resolution adopted last year to that effect, and the total amount so invested shall constitute the basis of the permanent fund of the Supreme Council.

The committee have prepared a pay-roll in accordance with the resolution adopted June 18, 1869, amounting to \$1,665, which they have delivered to the Ill.: Gr.: Treasurer General, who cordially solicits a visit from each active member before his departure.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. LAWRENCE,
R. M. C. GRAHAM,
R. W. LANDON, } Committee.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions and recommendations therein contained were severally adopted.

On motion of Bro.: A. G. GOODALL, it was

Ordered, That the Transactions of this session be published under the direction and supervision of the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presented the abstract of the proceedings of the Council of Deliberation of New Hampshire, just received, and stated that in it there seemed to be a matter requiring the action of this SUPREME COUNCIL relative to Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection.

The Council of Deliberation recommends that Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection, at Manchester, surrender its dispensation or authority under which it has held position in the Rite; and that said Lodge of Perfection be stricken from the Roster of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

On motion of Bro.: WOODBURY, the whole subject was referred to the Grand Commander with power.

Bro.: H. S. GOODWIN offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee having charge of communication relative to Folger's History of the Rite, to be reported upon at next session:

Resolved, That the printed proceedings of this Supreme Council, from the year 1851 (the first printed) to 1860, inclusive, be reprinted; that the edition be limited to 600 copies, and that a committee be appointed by the M.: P.: Gr.: Commander to superintend the work.

On motion of Bro.: STOCKER, leave of absence was granted to such members as might wish to retire before the close of the session.

The Grand Commander appointed the following Standing Committees:

ON THE GENERAL STATE OF THE RITE.

- Ill.: JOSEPH D. EVANS,
- “ CHARLES W. MOORE,
- “ THOMAS A. DOYLE.

ON RITUALS AND RITUALISTIC MATTER.

- Ill.: ENOCH T. CARSON,
- “ VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
- “ ALVIN B. ALDEN,
- “ CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
- “ D. BURNHAM TRACY,
- “ ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON,
- “ WILLIAM R. HIGBY,
- “ H. STANLEY GOODWIN,
- “ ORRIN WELCH.

ON CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS.

- Ill.: JOSEPH D. EVANS,
- “ JOHN L. LEWIS,
- “ CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY.
- “ CLINTON F. PAIGE,
- “ HENRY L. PALMER,
- “ WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
- “ JOHN CAVEN,
- “ THOMAS J. CORSON,
- “ ROBERT H. FOSS,
- “ ABRAHAM T. METCALF.

ON FINANCE.

- Ill.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
- “ ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM,
- “ RUFUS W. LANDON.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

- III.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
 " HOSMER A. JOHNSON,
 " WILLIAM BARRETT,
 " BENJAMIN DEAN,
 " JOHN W. SIMONS.

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

- III.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
 " WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
 " ALBERT G. GOODALL.

ON COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION AND REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

- III.: HENRY C. BANKS,
 " THOMAS A. DOYLE,
 " THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
 " WALTER A. STEVENS,
 " H. STANLEY GOODWIN.

ON DECEASE OF MEMBERS.

- III.: FRANCIS A. BLADES,
 " WINSLOW LEWIS,
 " CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP.

ON RETURNS.

- III.: DANIEL SICKELS,
 " ANTHONY E. STOCKER,
 " JOHN SHEVILLE.

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

- III.: CHARLES W. CARTER,
 " WILLIAM P. PREBLE,
 " AARON KING.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- III.: NATHAN H. GOULD,
 " RICHARD M. BARKER.
 " GEORGE W. BENTLEY.

The SUPREME COUNCIL then took a recess.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at 2:30 P. M.

The following named Princes of the R. Secret were introduced, and the thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon them in due form; and they were duly acknowledged and proclaimed Inspectors-Gen.: of the thirty-third degree, and Honorary members of the SUPREME COUNCIL for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S.:

JAMES McCREDIE, Buffalo, N. Y.
HENRY MULLIKEN, Boston, Mass.
GEORGE O. CARPENTER, "
WILLIAM B. GREENE, Brookline, "
HENRY AUSTIN WHITNEY, Boston, "

Bro.: A. G. GOODALL moved that the reading of minutes of this day's session be dispensed with; and that the supervision of the same be referred to the Grand Commander; and the motion was adopted.

The Throne of Grace was then addressed by the Rev. and Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES H. TITUS, and this annual session of the SUPREME COUNCIL was closed in due form, and with the sacred numbers, to assemble again in annual session in the City of Chicago, Ill., on the second Tuesday of November, 1873, at ten o'clock A. M.

 JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
Sov.: Gr.: Com.: 

[L. S.]

 DANIEL SICKELS, 33°,
G.: S.: G.: - H. E.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

RETURNS OF THE CONFERRING OF THE THIRTY-THIRD
GRADE DURING RECESS;

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES;

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCILS OF
DELIBERATION;

TABLEAU OF MEMBERS, ETC.

REPORTS

IN RELATION TO

Conferring the Thirty-third Grade during Recess.

ILLINOIS.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL S.: G.: I.: GENERAL, 33°,
N. M. JURISDICTION,

Held at the West Masonic Temple, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, on
the 22d day of the Hebrew month Sivan, A. M. 5632, correspond-
ing to Friday, the 28th day of June, V. E. 1872.

The Supreme Council was opened at five o'clock P. M., by Illustrious
Vincent L. Hurlbut, 33°, Deputy of Illinois.

OFFICERS.

Ill.: Bro.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°, . as M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander.
 " HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°, . " P.: Gr.: Lt.-Commander.
 " HOSMER A. JOHNSON, 33°, . " Gr.: Minister of State.
 " EUGENE B. MYERS, 33°, . " Gr.: Treasurer General.
 " GILBERT R. SMITH, 33°, . " Gr.: Secretary General.
 " THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33°, " Gr.: Keeper of Seals.
 " WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, " Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.
 " WARREN G. PURDY, 33°, . " Gr.: Marshal.
 " ROBERT H. FOSS, 33°, . " Gr.: Standard-Bearer.
 " LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°, . " Gr.: Captain of Guards.

VISITOR.

Ill.: Bro.: HORATIO N. HURLBUT, 33°.

The acting M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander read the special War-
rant of authority from the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander of the
Supreme Council.

Ill.: Bros.: Orlin H. Miner, 32°, of Springfield, Ill., Nathan F. Prentice, 32°, of Freeport, Ill., S. E. Seger, 32°, of Quincy, Ill., James H. McVicker, 32°, Henry H. Getty, 32°, James H. Paddock, 32°, and Henry H. Pond, 32°, of Chicago, who were elected at the last annual session of the Supreme Council S.: G.: I.: G.: to receive the grade of S.: Inspectors-General 33°, were then introduced, received, and advanced

to the high grade of Ill.: Inspector-General 33°, and to honorary membership in the Supreme Council.

They then signed the obligation of fealty to the Supreme Council, which was attested by the Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: *pro tem.*

The Supreme Council was then closed.

GILBERT R. SMITH, 33°,

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: pro tem.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the transactions of said special session.

VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°, *Deputy.*

HOSMER A. JOHNSON, 33°, *Active S.: G.: I.: G.:*

WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, " " " " "

ROBERT H. FOSS, 33°, " " " " "

OHIO.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 9, 1872.

Ill.: *Sir and Bro.:.*

At the last meeting of the Supreme Council the Honorary degree of 33° was voted to Ill.: Bros.: Alexander B. Huston and Apollos M. Ross, and by virtue of a special commission to me directed from Josiah H. Drummond, M.: P.: S.: G.: Commander, I convened a Council of the Active and Honorary 33° of Ohio, in Masonic Temple, Cincinnati, on May 9, 1872, and then and there fully invested and proclaimed said Ill.: Brothers as Honorary members of the Supreme Council, and Honorary Inspectors-General of the 33°.

Herewith I transmit to you their "obligations of fealty to the Supreme Council," with draft for the amount of the fees.

Truly and fraternally yours,

E. T. CARSON, 33°,

Ill.: Bro.: DANIEL SICKELS, 33°,

Deputy for Ohio.

G.: Sec.: Gen.:.

MICHIGAN.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL S.: G.: I.: GENERAL, 33°.
N. M. JURISDICTION,

Held at Masonic Temple, in the city of Detroit, on the 25th day of the Hebrew month Ab, corresponding to the 29th day of August, A. D. 1872.

The Supreme Council was opened at 8 o'clock P. M., by Illustrious D. Burnham Tracy, 33°, Deputy of Michigan, as M.: P.: S.: Gr.: Commander.

OFFICERS.

- D. BURNHAM TRACY, 33°, . . . as *M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander.*
 WM. CORBIN, 33°, “ *P.: Gr.: Lt.-Commander.*
 FRANCIS A. BLADES, 33°, “ *Gr.: Minister of State.*
 RUFUS W. LANDON, 33°, *Grand Treasurer.*
 RUFUS W. LANDON, 33°, *Grand Secretary.*
 ROBERT H. MORRISON, 33°, *Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.*
 AUGUSTUS A. TABOR, 33°, *Grand Marshal.*
 AUGUSTUS A. TABOR, 33°, *Gr.: Standard Bearer.*
 AUGUSTUS A. TABOR, 33°, *Gr.: Capt.: of Guard.*

The acting M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander read the special warrant of authority from the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Supreme Council.

Ill.: Richard August Bury, 32°, and DeWitt Clinton Hardy, 32°, of Adrian, who were elected at the last annual session of the Supreme Council S.: G.: I.: G.:, to receive the grade of Inspector-General, 33°, were then introduced, received and advanced to the high grade of Ill.: Inspector-General, 33°, and to Honorary membership in the said Supreme Council. They then signed the obligation of fealty to the Supreme Council, which was attested by Ill.: William Corbin and W. H. Morrison.

The Supreme Council was then closed.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the transactions of said special session.

D. BURNHAM TRACY, 33°, *Deputy.*
 F. A. BLADES, 33°, *Emeritus.*
 R. W. LANDON, 33°, *Active.*

WISCONSIN.

PORTAGE, WISCONSIN, September 2, 1872.

ILL.: DANIEL SICKELS, 33°, *Gr.: Sec.: G.: H.: E.:, No. 52 Bleeker St., N. Y.*

ILL.: SIR AND BRO.: I am directed by Ill.: Josiah H. Drummond, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the A.: and A.: S.: Rite, to report to you my proceedings under and by virtue of a commission issued by him on the 6th day of December, 1871.

By the authority contained in said commission, I convened the Active and Honorary brothers of the 33d grade who are residents of this State, at the City of Milwaukee, on the 31st day of August last, and with the assistance of Ill.: Brother David Burnham Tracy, 33°, who is an Active member of the Supreme Council, and Deputy for the State of Michigan, and Robert H. Morrison, 33°, also of Michigan, we proceeded to confer the 33° upon Ill.: Bro.: and much esteemed Sov.: Prince Jed.

Philo Clark Cottrill, as fully as our ability, under the circumstances, would permit.

The Convocation was presided over by myself, and valuable assistance was rendered by the following named brethren, to-wit: Ill.: David Burnham Tracy, 33°, as P.: Sov.: Lt.: Com.:; Ill.: Henry L. Palmer, 33°, as Ill.: Gr.: Orator or Minister of State; Ill.: William Thaddeus Palmer, 33°, as Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:; Ill.: Robert H. Morrison, 33°, of Michigan, as Gr.: Treas.: Gen.:; Ill.: Albert Von Haller Carpenter, 33°, as Gr.: Marshal Gen.:; also as Gr.: Master Gen.: of Ceremonies; and Ill.: Melvin Lincoln Youngs, 33°, as Gr.: Standard-Bearer; also as Grand Captain of the Guard.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Ill.: Bro.: Cottrill signed the obligation of fealty to the Supreme Council in our presence, when Ill.: David Burnham Tracy, 33°, Henry L. Palmer, 33°, and myself, became subscribing witnesses thereto.

Herewith please find said obligation, together with the requisite fee (\$100) for conferring said degree.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the transactions of said convocation.

ALVIN BLODGETT ALDEN, 33°,
Deputy for Wisconsin.
D. BURNHAM TRACY, 33°,
Deputy for Michigan.
HENRY L. PALMER, 33°,
Active Member of Supreme Council.

REPORTS

OF

Deputies of the Supreme Council.

MAINE.

PORTLAND, MAINE, Sept., 1872.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third and last degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the N. M. J. U. S. of America.

I have the honor to submit my report of the state of the Rite for the District of Maine, from the 14th of November, 1871, to Sept., 1872.

All of the subordinate bodies in the district have done some work, as will more fully appear by the returns of their Secretaries in the hands of the Ill.: Grand Secretary.

The progress of the Rite is slow in this District, some of the bodies not having fully recovered from the effects of the conflagration of 1866, and got into complete working order, but I have no doubt they will have done so before the next convocation of this Ill.: Grand Body.

The Rite has pursued the even tenor of its way without having had anything to disturb it. While not adding many to its number, it has been called upon to mourn no removals by death.

On the twenty-first day of June, I convened a Council of Deliberation at Portland, the minutes of which Council are herewith submitted.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM P. PREBLE, 33°.

Deputy for Maine.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the thirty-third degree of the A.: and A.: Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

As your Deputy for the District of New Hampshire, I have but little of interest to report.

There has been but very little work done in this District the past year, as will be seen from the returns accompanying this report. Here-

with inclosed you will find checks for dues to the Supreme Council, to wit: \$39.00, \$20.00, and \$5.00 in cash. Also my draft for \$273.56.

Two years ago I presented my resignation of the office of Deputy for the District, and urged its acceptance. To my regret it was not acted upon at that time. I must again ask you to excuse me from further service in the office with which, by your partiality, I have been honored for more than five years. This action upon my part is not caused from any want of interest in our institution, but because I have not the time to attend to the various duties of the responsible office I now hold. I beg to suggest to the Council the name of Ill.: Bro.: Aaron King, 33°, as a fit, proper and competent person to receive the appointment of Deputy for this District. He is active and energetic, and has a deep interest in the prosperity of the Rite. I shall always be ready and willing to assist him in the discharge of his duties, by advice and work. I trust and hope that he may receive the appointment.

Owing to my engagements as prosecuting officer for my county, in the trial of one John Burke, for the murder of his wife, which commences on Monday, the 16th inst., and will continue through the week, I shall be unable to meet with you on the 17th inst. This I regret exceedingly, and must crave the indulgence of the Council, and ask them to excuse my absence from the Council on account of unavoidable public duty.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BARRETT, 33°,

Deputy for New Hampshire.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Sept. 9, 1871.

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Grand Inspectors-General of the 33°, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A.

Unusual prosperity has rewarded all the earnest efforts of the brethren in the District of Massachusetts the past year.

Dispensations to hold elections after the constitutional time have been granted to the following bodies:

Giles F. Yates Council of P.: of J.:, for the election held Jan'y 19, 1872.

Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, " " " " Feb'y 16, "

Sutton " " " " " March 7, "

I installed the officers of

Giles F. Yates Council of P.: of J.:, Jan'y 19, 1872.

Worcester Lodge of Perfection, Feb'y 15, "

Lafayette " " " " " 16, "

The work of the bodies for the term ending June 30, 1872, and their present strength, is indicated in the following summary:

| | <i>Bodies.</i> | <i>Members.</i> | <i>Initiates</i> | <i>Fees.</i> |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Consistory, | 1 | 602 | 76 | \$ 380 |
| Chapters of Rose Croix, | 3 | 392 | 75 | 150 |
| Councils of P.: of J.:, | 4 | 487 | 91 | 273 |
| Lodges of Perfection, | 7 | 783 | 125 | 375 |
| Dues from 15 bodies, | | | | 75 |
| | <hr/> 15 | <hr/> 2,264 | <hr/> 367 | <hr/> \$1,258 |

The annual returns of all the bodies have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary General, whose receipt I have for one thousand, two hundred and fifty-three dollars, the total of fees received.

Seventy-six brethren have been the past term created Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret:

I have frequently visited many of the bodies, and have witnessed with great pleasure the excellence of the work.

The Lowell bodies have done well the past year, and the interests of our order in their jurisdiction are perfectly safe.

The work of Worcester Lodge of Perfection is exceedingly creditable to its efficient officers, and I trust its members will not fail to liberally sustain their earnest efforts, and so insure its continued success.

Evening Star Lodge of Perfection has failed to make the progress I predicted a year ago, yet I am sanguine that a decided improvement will be manifested the coming term, for a little earnest effort on the part of its officers will certainly win great prosperity.

Sutton Lodge of Perfection is fulfilling the high expectations of its many friends, and its present thriving condition is an honor to its able and energetic officers.

The Boston bodies are fortunate in the skill and devotion of their officers, and will grandly maintain their eminent character. The successful union, so harmoniously effected last year, has cemented them strongly together in the bonds of brotherly love, and has proved to them a prolific source of genuine prosperity and happiness.

I submit herewith the accompanying request, which is as follows:

To the Supreme Council, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America :

We, the undersigned, officers of Harmony Lodge of Perfection, respectfully represent that the Lodge was instituted in the days of discord in 1868, for the purpose of strengthening one of the rival factions of the Rite; that the spirit of harmony soon spread its welcome mantle of peace, restored good-will among the brethren, and in 1867 joyously united the Supreme Councils in permanent peace; that in the lapse of time the members of the Lodge have become widely separated; and that the existence of a flourishing Lodge in close proximity, Sutton Lodge of Perfection, of Salem, renders the further continuance of our Lodge unnecessary. hence we, with the best interests of the Rite at heart, sincerely request that permission may be granted us to surrender

the charter of our Lodge, so that its labors may cease in peace and friendship with the whole fraternity.

With the assurance of our lasting fidelity and high esteem, we remain,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed,) A. C. BLETHEN, *T.: P.: G.: M.:*

JAMES F. HARTSHORN, *V.: J.: G.: W.:*

LYNN, MASS., Sept. 9, 1872.

I recommend that the request be granted, and that the existence of Harmony Lodge of Perfection, in the Valley of Lynn, be declared to cease on the date of the return of its charter to the Deputy for cancellation by him, and thereupon the said Valley shall become vacant.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with the assurance that the District of Massachusetts is prosperous and perfectly harmonious.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°,

Deputy for Massachusetts.

RHODE ISLAND.

To the Supreme Gr.: Council of the 33° for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America:

As your deputy for the State of Rhode Island, a jurisdiction, though small in size, with a glorious history, dating back to among the earliest years of the planting of the Rite on this continent, and having, among its early propagators and patrons Moses Michael Hayes, Moses Seixas and Stephen D. Bloise, names that will be ever mentioned with love, and cherished by the Rite as due to wise, virtuous and honorable patrons, I submit my annual report:

The District has, by the blessing of Almighty God, been favored to pass another year of prosperity, during which we have been called upon to part with only two of our Ill.: brethren of the 32d grade, viz: Damase Belivan, in Providence, on the 6th Sept., 1871, and Marvin Carey, in Providence, 30th Nov., 1871, whose memories are enshrined in our hearts.

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| There have been added to the Gr.: Elect and P.: Masons..... | 8 |
| Princes of Jerusalem..... | 11 |
| Rose Croix Chapters..... | 11 |
| Sov.: Princes of the R.: S.: 32°..... | 13 |

Brethren of whom we have knowledge, both masonically and socially; and though we have not done the volume of work we could have done, we have been careful in the selection of the material from among the best and most cultivated, those who, appreciating the honors conferred upon them, will assist us in cultivating and guarding our beautiful Rite.

By unavoidable circumstances, your Deputy was delayed in calling the Council of Deliberation for this District at an earlier day than the 30th August, on which day we assembled in the city of Providence, and among the business attended to was the passage of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the sense of this Council of Deliberation is, that it is very desirable that the Sov.: Grand Consistory for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States be re-established in its former relation to the Supreme Council, holding its meetings annually, and at the same time and place as the Supreme Council holds its meetings; and that the Deputy and Active members of this District be requested to use their efforts to bring about so desirable an end, and restore the ancient prerogatives of the body."

We have the prospect of increased prosperity, if an increase numerically indicates such a state, as already we are receiving applications of more good masons, some of whom have been accepted, and are soon to be numbered among us, which will so increase our facilities of doing the work as to place us in it, as in antiquity, in the front rank.

Trusting in the power and blessings of Almighty God who has so far sustained us, and with our eyes fixed upon His direction, we trust the beauties of our Rite will sustain the reputation of the past to the dim future.

N. H. GOULD, 33°,
Deputy Supreme Council for Rhode Island.

CONNECTICUT.

NORWICH, Sept. 2, 1872.

To the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A., Orient, Boston, Mass.

I do hereby submit for your consideration and that of the Supreme Council, my annual report as Deputy for the State of Connecticut.

The geographical position of the bodies of the A.: and A.: Scottish Rite in my jurisdiction, when delineated upon the map, form a triangle, which is emblematical of Perfection. Although that quality has never been attained on earth, yet I regard the brethren in Hartford, Bridgeport and Norwich, as on the road which leads to that glorious position. From each apex of the triangle I have good and satisfactory accounts. All have done work, thereby adding strength to themselves, and aid to your Ill.: Council.

Norwich Council of Rose Croix D-H has been called to part with the living presence of their most wise and Perfect Master, Ill.: Bro.: William H. Tingley, 32°. From the organization of the Chapter to the decease of Ill.: Bro.: Tingley, which sad event took place in the city

of Norwich, Dec. 10, 1871, he has held the highest position in that body. He was also Past Master, Past High Priest and Past Commander of the several bodies of the York Rite in Norwich, and has occupied high places of honor and trust among his fellow citizens. His natural attainments, learning, kindness of heart and high social position contributed to make him a prominent member of the bodies in Norwich.

Peace to his ashes, and rest to his soul.

In conformity to Article 25 of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, and by order of your Deputy, a State Council of Deliberation, for the masonic District of Connecticut, was held in the City of Norwich, on the 17th day of the month Sivan, anno Hebraico, 5632, corresponding to the 24th day of June, 1872. There were present the Ill.: Deputy and others from the various bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction. Ill.: Bro.: Henry L. Parker, 33°, was appointed Secretary, and the Council proceeded to business. After due deliberation, no business of importance appearing, the Council closed. In the evening there was a meeting of King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection, for work in the 14th degree: on which occasion, six prominent masons received the Sublime Degree of Perfection, in full form. The feast of friendship was then partaken of and all separated in peace, love and unity.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W. CARTER, 33°,
Deputy for Connecticut.

NEW YORK.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1872.

To M.: P.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Gr.: Com.: Supreme Council,
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

The undersigned has the honor to present herewith the printed transactions of the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York for 1871, and to earnestly commend its recommendations and petitions to the favorable consideration of the Supreme Council.

Opportunity is thus embraced to call attention to the delay experienced in the receipt of returns from subordinates, due, probably, to the fact that, during the months of July and August, when by the present regulations they should be prepared, there is a general suspension of masonic work, and a consequent forgetfulness or disinclination on the part of those officers whose duty it is to prepare them.

I trust some course may be adopted to remedy the evil, so that the work of the Grand Secretary General may be kept up, and the interest of the Rite duly maintained.

Truly and courteously yours,

ORRIN WELCH, 33°,
Deputy for New York.

NEW JERSEY.

SPRINGFIELD, N. J., Sept. 9, 1872.

*To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Grand Inspectors-General of the 33°,
for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A.*

I have the honor to submit the transactions of the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey, held at Jersey City, on the 28d day of the Hebrew month Tamuz, 5632, answering to July 29th, A. D. 1872.

I most heartily concur in the recommendation of said Council of Deliberation, that a charter be granted to New Brunswick Lodge of Perfection, in the Valley of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, N. J.

I am happy to report that the Ancient Accepted Rite in this District is in a most flourishing and prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°,
Deputy for New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, September, 1872.

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General of the thirty-third degree of the A.: and A.: Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

The Ancient and Accepted Rite steadily progresses in Pennsylvania. The increase in its membership during the past year has been sufficiently large to keep most of the bodies at work, and to encourage in us the belief that the Rite has taken good hold, and is well rooted in the affections of the members of the masonic order in this State.

The bodies at Pittsburgh give evidence of great vitality, and are now actively at work. In answer to their request, I issued dispensations in June and August last, authorizing them to confer the degrees without awaiting the usual delay of one month's interval.

On the 6th of December last, immediately prior to the meeting of the Council of Deliberation of the State, I convened the Active and Honorary members of the Supreme Council, resident in this State, and assisted by Ill.: Bro.: J. Sheville, 33°, Deputy, and Ill.: Bro.: Thos. J. Corson, M. D., 33°, both of New Jersey, A. G. Goodall, 33°, Representative of the Supreme Council, and H. Stanley Goodwin, 33°, Gr.: Marshal of the Supreme Council, with many Honorary members of the same, opened a convocation of Inspectors-General of the thirty-third degree. The commission of the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander being duly read, the Honorary degree of 33d was conferred upon those elected from Pennsylvania and New Jersey to receive the same.

A full report of the proceedings, with the fees for the degrees, was immediately transmitted to the Ill.: Sec.: Gen.: of the H.: E.:, and appears on pp. 147 and 148 of Proceedings of 1871.

The Council of Deliberation of the State was held on the 6th of December, 1871, and was well attended. A copy of its proceedings is herewith transmitted. The Council adopted Rules and Regulations for its government. Article 10 thereof provides, "that all Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, members in good standing of Consistories in this State, shall be entitled to seats in this body, except when in Executive Session, and shall enjoy the right of speaking on all questions, but shall not have the right to vote thereon." I have approved the adoption of such an Article, subject, however, to its submission to the Supreme Council as to its constitutionality in increasing a membership already provided for by the Constitution of the Supreme Council. Such a section places all Princes of the R.: S.: on the footing of Honorary members of their Council of Deliberation, and in my judgment is calculated to increase their interest in the Rite.

Should this meet the approval of the Supreme Council, it is respectfully suggested that an amendment be made to Article 34 of the Constitution of the Supreme Council, allowing such Honorary membership when adopted by its Council of Deliberation in any State.

An exemplification of the work in a Lodge of Sorrow was made, to the satisfaction of the many Ill.: brethren present.

Returns, dues and fees from all the bodies in the State, except from those at Pittsburg, have been duly received and forwarded to the Ill.: Sec.: Gen.: H. E. Those from Pittsburg will probably be received before the close of the session of the Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY E. STOCKER, M. D., 83°,
Sov.: Gr.: Ins.-Gen.: and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

OHIO.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1872.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the thirty-third degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. of America, Grand Orient of Boston:

In accordance with my duty as prescribed in the Constitutions, I have the honor to submit to your Illustrious Body my annual report of the work and progress of the Rite in the District of Ohio, from July 1, 1871, to July 1, 1872.

The number of subordinate bodies in the District remains the same as at the last annual report. All the bodies, with two exceptions, have

done more or less work. The annual meeting of the brethren of the A.: and A.: Rite, at Cincinnati, last March, was largely attended by brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction, as well as from the Southern jurisdiction and Canada, and the prospects are that the annual meeting next spring will be one of the largest and most interesting meetings of the A.: and A.: Rite ever held in the West.

These annual meetings have proved of great advantage to the Rite in this District.

In conformity with the provisions of the Constitutions, I convened a "Council of Deliberation," in Cincinnati, on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1872; which Council was in session three days. During its continuance, all the grades of the A.: and A.: Rite, from Secret Master (4^o) to S.: P.: R.: S.: (32^o), were fully exemplified by the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory at Cincinnati.

Herewith I submit the minutes of the proceedings of this Council. There are two matters contained in it to which I would most respectfully call the attention of the Supreme Council. One of them refers to the subject of jurisdiction of subordinate bodies. The Council recommend that the rule be made imperative that applicants for the degrees shall apply to the body nearest their residence. The other proposes the re-establishment of a Grand Consistory for the Northern Jurisdiction, the idea being to bring the subordinate bodies in some way into a participation in the legislative and executive control of the Rite, or *more nearly so than they are now* under our present Constitution. This subject is one which I think demands most serious consideration by the Supreme Council.

STATISTICS.

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|---|---|--------------------------------|----------|
| Lodges of Perfection | 3 | Membership last year..... | 379 |
| | | Initiated during year..... | 47 |
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| | | | 426 |
| Deaths during the year..... | | | 5 |
| Withdrawals..... | | | 3 |
| Expulsions | | | 1 9 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 417 |
| Add for error in <i>aggregate membership</i> reported last year, in deducting deaths, &c.,..... | | | 13 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Total membership in Lodges July 1, 1872..... | | | 430 |
| Council of Princes of J.:..3 | | Membership last year, reported | 366 |
| | | Initiates during year..... | 50 |
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| Withdrawals | | | 416 |
| Deaths | | | 8 7 |
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| Total membership in Councils July 1, 1872..... | | | 409 |

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| Chapters of Rose Croix....2 | Membership reported last year....308 |
| | Initiated during year 50 |
| | _____ |
| | 858 |
| Deaths | 4 |
| Withdrawals | 8 |
| Error in aggregate footing last year..... | 1 8 |
| | _____ |
| Total membership in Chapters July 1, 1872 | 350 |
| Consistory .....1 | Membership reported last year....297 |
| | Initiated during year 52 |
| | _____ |
| | 349 |
| Deaths | 4 |
| Withdrawals | 8 |
| Expulsions | 1 |
| Suspensions | 1 9 |
| | _____ |
| Membership July 1, 1872 | 340 |

RECAPITULATION.

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Lodge Membership, July 1, 1872 | 430 |
| Council " " " | 409 |
| Chapter " " " | 350 |
| Consistory " " " | 340 |

Total amount of annual dues to Supreme Council, \$698, which sum has been collected by me, and paid into the hands of the Ill.: Grand Secretary General.

All of which is most respectfully and fraternally submitted,

E. T. CARSON, 33°,
Deputy for Ohio.

INDIANA.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

The Deputy for the District of Indiana submits the following report for the year ending June 30, 1872:

INDIANAPOLIS.

Adoniram Grand Lodge of Perfection.

Initiates, 17; deaths, 1; withdrawals, 5; affiliated, 1; suspended, 5; membership, 227; dues, \$56.00; paid.

Saraiat Council Princes of Jerusalem.

Initiates, 12; membership, 182; dues, \$41.00; paid.

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix.

Initiates, 14; membership, 140; dues, \$33.00; paid.

Indiana Consistory.

Initiates, 13; membership, 140: dues, \$70.00; paid.

NEW ALBANY.*Burning Bush Lodge of Perfection.*

Initiates, 5; deaths, 2; withdrawals, 1; membership, 126; dues, \$20.00; paid.

Zerubbabel Council Princes of Jerusalem.

Initiates, 5; deaths, 2; withdrawals, 1; membership, 126; dues, \$20.00; paid.

Mount Moriah Chapter of Rose Croix.

Deaths, 2; membership, 74; dues, \$5.00; paid.

De Molay Consistory.

Deaths, 2; membership, 74; dues, \$5.00; paid.

LAFAYETTE.*Lafayette Lodge of Perfection.*

No Report.

Lafayette Council Princes of Jerusalem.

No Report.

Lafayette Chapter Rose Croix.

No Report.

Lafayette Consistory.

No Report.

TERRE HAUTE.*Terre Haute Lodge of Perfection.*

No Report.

Hamilton Council Princes of Jerusalem.

No Report.

Vigo Chapter of Rose Croix.

No Report.

Lyndon A. Smith Consistory.

No Report.

FORT WAYNE.*Fort Wayne Consistory.*

Membership, 25; dues, \$5.00; paid. Delinquent dues, 1869, 1870, 1871, \$22.00; paid; due, \$13.00.

Fort Wayne Chapter of Rose Croix.

Membership, 25; dues, \$5.00; paid. Delinquent dues, 1869, 1870, 1871, \$22.00; paid.

Fort Wayne Council Princes of Jerusalem.

Membership, 25; dues, \$5.00; paid. Delinquent dues, 1869, 1870 and 1871, \$22.00; paid.

Fort Wayne Lodge of Perfection.

Membership, 29; dues, \$5.00; paid. Delinquent dues, 1869, 1870 and 1871, \$21.00; paid; due, \$13.00.

RICHMOND.

Richmond Consistory.

No Report.

Richmond Chapter of Rose Croix.

No Report.

Richmond Council of Princes of Jerusalem.

No Report.

Richmond Lodge of Perfection.

No Report.

LOGANSFORT.

Logan Council Princes of Jerusalem.

No Report.

Hamilton Lodge of Perfection.

No Report.

ANDERSON.

Anderson Lodge of Perfection.

No Report.

CAMBRIDGE.

Cambridge Lodge of Perfection.

No Report 1872, 1871, 1870.

RECAPITULATION OF DUES PAID.

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| Indianapolis Bodies | \$200 00 |
| New Albany " | 50 00 |
| Fort Wayne " | 125 00 |
| | ————— \$375 00 |

RECAPITULATION OF DUES UNPAID.

LAFAYETTE.

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| Lafayette Consistory, 1872 | \$5 00 |
| " Chapter, " | 5 00 |
| " Council, " | 5 00 |
| " Lodge, " | 5 00 |
| | ————— \$20 00 |

RICHMOND.

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| Richmond Consistory, 1871..... | \$5 00 |
| " " 1872..... | 5 00 |
| " Chapter, 1871..... | 5 00 |
| " " 1872..... | 5 00 |
| " Council, 1871..... | 5 00 |
| " " 1872..... | 5 00 |
| " Lodge, 1871..... | 5 00 |
| " " 1872..... | 5 00 |
| | ————— \$40 00 |

LOGANSFORT.

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| Logan Council, | 1871..... | 85 00 |
| " " | 1872..... | 5 00 |
| Hamilton L.: of P.:, 1871..... | | 5 00 |
| " " 1872..... | | 5 00 |
| | | <u>\$20 00</u> |

ANDERSON.

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| Anderson L.: of P.:, 1871..... | \$5 00 |
| " " 1872..... | 5 00 |
| | <u>\$10 00</u> |

CAMBRIDGE.

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| Cambridge L.: of P.:, 1870..... | \$5 00 |
| " " " 1871..... | 5 00 |
| " " " 1872..... | 5 00 |
| | <u>\$15 00</u> |

A number of Ill.: Brothers in this District have been elected to receive the 33°, but have not presented themselves. I respectfully request that the time be extended until next session.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN CAVEN, 33°,

Deputy for Indiana.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9, 1872.

To Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Supreme Council, N. M. Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

In making my report, it will not, I trust, be deemed inappropriate for my hand to pen the thought that is foremost in my heart. The past year's experience will remain a distinct and mournful chapter of my life, burned into memory forever. It was a fearful but not an avenging finger that wrote our doom in characters of fire upon the midnight sky, as we fled from falling Temples, holding all the precious emblems and relics of the past—Temples consecrated to holy usage, and endeared to us by the most hallowed associations and memories. But even upon so black a cloud we have traced a silver lining, and have found again that there is no unmixed calamity, no trial without some blessed compensation. The heart of the civilized world throbbed with sympathy as the story of our suffering and needs were known, and through every avenue of communication flowed an unexampled tide of relief. True to their obligations, their professions, their traditions, the members of all grades of Freemasonry stood foremost in the ranks of relief, to pour an unstinted measure into the treasury of charity to aid their suffering brethren, until every prayer for succor was answered. I very grate-

fully acknowledge the receipt of \$1,300. contributed by the Supreme Council for the relief of the bodies of the Rite in the Valley of Chicago, and report that this sum has been distributed according to the wishes and instructions of the Supreme Council. This, with other contributions, will enable these bodies to work, as they could not have done but for these timely aids. To say that we are grateful, is but a poor and inadequate expression. Here, if ever, while speech may be silver, silence is golden.

I take great pleasure in acknowledging, also, the prompt action of Most Puissant Albert Pike, 33° Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Southern Supreme Council, who contributed generously from his own private resources; and as soon as he received tidings of our calamity, issued a thrilling circular to the bodies under his obedience, calling for aid for their suffering brethren, which met a prompt and cordial response in the form of generous and substantial benefits. I had the pleasure of thanking Most Puissant Bro.: Pike in person, for his prompt and generous action, during my attendance one day of the session of the Southern Supreme Council, held in Louisville last May, where I received all honor and attention as a member of the Northern Supreme Council.

The general condition of the Rite in this District is good, although less work has been done during the past year than in the preceding year. This fact is due to various causes, but mainly to financial embarrassment. The bodies in the Valley of Springfield were crippled by the destruction of their effects and records by fire, one year ago last February, and have not been able to keep up their regular meetings since that disaster. The Consistory —“Carson”—has voted to consolidate with Oriental Consistory, but it will require some time to adjust its affairs before the union can be consummated. The great calamity which befell Chicago, Oct. 9, 1871, and which almost suspended business here, had a depressing effect upon all the towns in the Central and Northern parts of this District, from which they have but just recovered. In some localities, doubtless, work has been delayed or suspended by the effort to consolidate the bodies throughout the District, while in others, large burdens have been imposed by outlays for halls and paraphernalia. I am confident there is a healthy and growing determination throughout the District to make the work more thorough and impressive.

The bodies in the Valleys of Peoria, Quincy and Freeport have been fitting up new halls, and providing better facilities and paraphernalia for work.

The bodies located in the Valley of Princeton, after remaining dormant for three years, seem to be awaking to a newness of life, and manifest a determination to go to work with renewed zeal and energy, and as they possess good working ability, will doubtless make a creditable report during the coming year.

Monmouth Consistory and Monmouth Chapter of Rose Croix have consolidated with Oriental Consistory and Gourgas Chapter, of this city.

From these items, brief and imperfect as they are, you will be able to see that the effort to consolidate the various bodies of the Rite in this District is being slowly but surely crowned with success.

I would most respectfully ask that the election of Gilbert W. Barnard, 32°, T.: P.: Gr.: Master of Van Rensselaer Gr.: L.: of P.:, of this city, who was elected at the last session of the Supreme Council to the high grade of 33°, be permitted to hold over until the next session of the Supreme Council.

I do not wish to appear ungrateful for all the honor conferred upon me, and the confidence reposed in me, especially after such generous aid from the Supreme Council to the suffering bodies of the Rite in this city, and when I see, by the proceedings of the last session, a "jewel" was voted to me, but still I would respectfully ask to be relieved from the further discharge of the onerous duties of my position as Ill.: Deputy for the District of Illinois. A great share of my time, and a large portion of my means for fifteen years, have been given cheerfully to promote the interests of all the grades of Freemasonry. The great fire swept nearly all the savings from my possession during years of constant work, while it very largely reduced the profits of my calling. Since that sad event, much of my time has been employed as Chairman of the Relief Committee, in attending to the claims of the destitute members of the various bodies of the Rite, as well as of those of the Knights Templars, and I feel that justice to myself, as I begin to feel the effects, and have sensibly the marks of overwork, that justice and my profession demand that I withdraw from so active and responsible a participation in the work of the Rite, and commit to other, and I trust abler hands, the great trusts committed to my care, and which I have discharged to the best of my ability.

With gratitude and respect I make this request, asking to be relieved, but willing to work on if it is not your pleasure to relieve me.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°.

Deputy for Illinois.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, Sept. 14, 1872.

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General, thirty-third and last degree, A.: and A.: S.: Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. of America, sitting at New York.

I have the honor to report that the Rite in Michigan is enjoying a good degree of prosperity. The efforts that have been and are being made for the consolidation of the bodies of the Rite, are being crowned with success.

WORK DONE.

Detroit. The bodies at Detroit are in a good, healthy condition, and have done some good work during the past year. Fourteen worthy

Brothers have been elevated to the high grades of K-H., 30°, Ins. Inq. Com., 31°, and S. P. R. S., 32°. Returns have been made to the Supreme Council, and dues paid.

Kalamazoo. Very little work has been done by the bodies at this place during the year. The Brothers have been at great expense in procuring and furnishing a fine hall for the working of all the bodies of the York Rite. They are now relieved from former financial embarrassment, and are ready to furnish those rooms designed for the A.: and A.: Rite, and zealously engage in the full working of the degrees.

Adrian. The bodies in this city have done no work for the past two years. They have recently surrendered the charter of Mount Calvary Chapter, and have assured me that they would also surrender the charters of their Council and Lodge, and unite with the bodies at Detroit.

Jackson. There is a full set of bodies in this flourishing city, and they have done some work during the past year. They are in possession of a suitable hall, and will soon be in position to work all of the grades of the Rite.

Returns have been made, and will doubtless be received before the close of the present session.

Ann Arbor. The Lodge and Council have surrendered their charters and united with the bodies at Detroit. The charters have been returned to the Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:

Allegan. The Lodge of Perfection at this place is in a healthy state. Returns have been made and dues paid.

Grand Rapids. The Lodge and Council at this place have done no work for the past *three* years. There is a diversity of opinion among the members, whether to surrender their charters or resume work. With this view of the case, I have been reluctant to demand their charters. A few months at most will decide the question, when an amicable arrangement will be effected.

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.

None was held, for the reason that there seemed to be no demand for one in the exigencies of the work, peace and harmony prevailing in all the departments of the Rite throughout the jurisdiction.

THIRTY-THIRD GRADE.

By virtue of a commission issued by the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, I summoned the Active and Honorary members of the 33° to meet at Masonic Hall, Detroit, on the 29th of August last, and proceeded to confer the grade upon Ill.: Prince Richard Augustus Bury, 32°, and We Witt Clinton Hardy, 32°, in due form. Report of our action has been made to the Sec.: Gen.: H.: and fees paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. BURNHAM TRACY, 33°,

Deputy for Michigan.

WISCONSIN.

ILL.: DANIEL SICKELS, G.: S.: G.: of the H.: E.:, No. 52 *Bleecker St. N. Y.*

ILL.: BROTHER: The annual Council of Deliberation for the State of Wisconsin was held in the City of Milwaukee on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1871, and was generally attended by those who have attained to the 32d grade.

The Council was opened by myself as Deputy for this State, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, to wit:

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| <i>1st Lt.: Commander,</i> | III.: MELVIN L. YOUNGS, 33°. |
| <i>2d " "</i> | " ALBERT E. POUND, 32°. |
| <i>G.: M.: of S.: G.: O.:,</i> | " EDMUND TAYLOR, 32°. |
| <i>G.: C.:,</i> | " J. WATTS, 32°. |
| <i>G.: E.: and A.:,</i> | " GEORGE C. TEALL, 32°. |
| <i>G.: H.:,</i> | " L. ELLSWORTH, 32°. |
| <i>G.: M.: of C.:,</i> | " AMBROSE HOFFMAN, 32°. |
| <i>G.: C.: of G.:,</i> | " CHARLES T. DUTTON, 32°. |
| <i>G.: S.: B.:,</i> | " WM. E. KITTREDGE, 32°. |
| <i>G.: Sentinel,</i> | " LEONARD BARRETT, 32°. |

The following named officers were then appointed by the Deputy for the State, to-wit:

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| <i>Gr.: Sec.:,</i> | III.: WM. T. PALMER, 33°. |
| <i>Gr.: Treas.:,</i> | " A. V. H. CARPENTER, 33°. |
| <i>Gr.: Prior,</i> | " JEDD. P. C. COTTRILL, 32°. |

Ill.: Albert Van H. Carpenter offered the following resolution, which after due consideration was unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That this Council of Deliberation do respectfully recommend to the S.: C.: of Sov.: G.: Ins.: Gen.: of the 33°, A.: and A.: S.: Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the Rite, which will require affiliation in a symbolic lodge as a pre-requisite to petitioning for the grades of the A.: and A.: Rite, and which will provide that any member of the bodies of the Rite, who shall fail to maintain his membership in a symbolic lodge, shall thereby forfeit his membership in the several bodies of the Rite; believing that no brother should be permitted to advance to the higher grades of masonry, or to sustain membership in such higher bodies, who is not a voluntary and willing contributor to, and in active affiliation with his proper symbolic lodge.

A resolution was also unanimously adopted, recommending that charters be granted to the Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix, now under dispensation at the City of Portage.

No further action was had which requires the consideration of the Supreme Council, and it affords me pleasure to report that peace and

harmony continue to exist among the brethren of the A.: and A.: Rite in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally yours,

ALVIN BLODGET ALDEN, 33°,

Deputy for Wisconsin.

ABSTRACT
OF THE
Proceedings of Councils of Deliberation.

MAINE.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, June 21, 1872.

Agreeably to notice previously given, a Council of Deliberation was held at eight o'clock P. M.; and was opened by Ill.: William P. Preble, Deputy, who appointed Henry L. Paine, 18°, Temporary Secretary. Marquis F. King, 33°, and Charles M. Rice, 32°, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following members present:

[The list is omitted: it embraced one Active, one *Emeritus* and two Honorary members of the Supreme Council; and a full representation from all the subordinate bodies.]

Which report was accepted.

On motion,

Voted., That all Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Masons, 14°, have the privilege of sitting in the Council.

Voted., That the Council proceed to the election of officers. The following were elected:

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| Ill.: FREEMAN BRADFORD, 32°, | <i>1st Lt.: -Commander.</i> |
| “ ANDREW J. FULLER, 32°, | <i>2d “ “ “</i> |
| “ CHARLES J. GILMAN, 32°, | <i>M.: of State and G.: Orator.</i> |
| “ E. F. DILLINGHAM, 32°, | <i>G.: Chancellor.</i> |

The Ill.: Deputy appointed

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| GEORGE E. TAYLOR, 32°, | <i>Grand Prior.</i> |
| OLIVER GERRISH, 32°, | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| IRA BERRY, 32°, | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| GORDON R. GARDEN, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| ALBION KEITH, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Engineer and Arch.</i> |
| JAMES FREEMAN, 33°, | <i>Gr.: Hospitaller.</i> |
| CHARLES M. RICE, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Standard Bearer.</i> |
| MARQUIS F. KING, 33°, | <i>Gr.: Capt. of Guards.</i> |
| WARREN PHILLIPS, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Sentinel.</i> |

The Ill.: Deputy appointed George W. Deering, 33°, a committee to present subjects for discussion.

Ill.: George W. Deering reported that he knew of no subjects necessary for the Council to discuss at this time.

No further business being presented, the Council was closed.

Attest,

HENRY L. PAYNE, *Secretary pro tem.*

The foregoing report was prepared from the original minutes.

Attest,

IRA BERRY,

Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Pursuant to summons addressed to officers of the respective bodies working in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite within this District, and under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., a Council of Deliberation assembled on the 6th day of September, 1872, at Masonic Hall, in Nashua.

The Council was called to order by Ill.: Bro.: Israel Hunt, 33°, who read a letter from the Ill.: Deputy, William Barrett, expressing his regrets that important business would detain him elsewhere, and requesting him, in the absence of the First and Second Lieutenant-Commanders, to call the Council to order and conduct the business of the meeting.

Bro.: Hunt called upon Ill.: Bro.: Patterson to address the Throne of the Great Architect, after which Ill.: Bro.: Hunt declared the Council open upon the 14°, and ready to proceed to business.

Ill.: Bro.: Joseph W. Fellows was appointed Secretary, and Ill.: Bro.: Daniel R. Marshall was appointed Treasurer.

Remarks upon the condition of the A.: and A.: Rite in this District were made by Ill.: Bros.: Hunt, Woodbury, Patterson and Fellows.

The usual committees were appointed and requested to report at an early hour.

Upon motion of Ill.: Bro.: Fellows, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection, at Manchester, be recommended to surrender the "charter, dispensation or authority" under which it has been held, and that the Deputy be requested to present the matter to the Supreme Council, and have the name of Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection stricken from the roster of the Supreme Council.

As there was no further business to be presented to the Council, voted to adjourn one week from this evening, to meet at same place at 7 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING, Sept. 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment, the Ill.: Deputy, William Barrett, in the chair.

He thanked the members of the Council for their courtesy in adjourning to this evening in order that he might be present and meet with the Ill.: members of the Council. He expressed his regrets that business had unavoidably detained him away from the previous meeting, and also expressed his great regrets that official business would prevent his attending the annual meeting of the Supreme Council, at New York, on the 17th inst.

There being no further business to be acted upon by the Council at this session, the Ill.: Deputy declared the Council now closed.

WILLIAM BARRETT, 33°,

Deputy of Supreme Council for the District of New Hampshire.

JOSEPH W. FELLOWS, 32°,

Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

[None held.]

RHODE ISLAND.

[See Report of Deputy, *Ante* p. 88.]

CONNECTICUT.

[See Report of Deputy, *Ante* p. 89.]

NEW YORK.

Pursuant to summons addressed to the Chiefs of the bodies working in the Ancient Accepted Rite, within the State of New York, and under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and in accordance with Article 34 of the Constitution of said Supreme Council, a Council of Deliberation assembled at Martin Hall, in the City of Albany, on the twenty-eighth day of the Hebrew month Shebet, A. M. 5632, corresponding to the seventh day of February, 1872 V. E.

There were present:

Five Active, one Emeritus and fifteen Honorary members of the Supreme Council; also fifty Ill.: brethren of the A.: A.: Rite, representing thirty-nine bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

The Council of Deliberation was opened in due form by the Deputy of the District, Ill.: Orrin Welch, 33°, at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

The roll of officers was called, and there were reported present of regular officers:

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| III.: ORRIN WELCH, 33°, Dept.: for N. Y., . . . | <i>Com.-in-Chief</i> |
| “ GREGORY SATTERLEE, 32°, . . . | <i>First Lieut.-Commander.</i> |
| “ EDWARD H. BROWN, 32°, . . . | <i>Second Lieut.-Commander.</i> |
| “ JESSE M. WHITE, 33°, . . . | <i>Minister of State, Gr.: Or.:</i> |
| “ JOHN C. ROBINSON, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Eng.: and A.:</i> |
| “ ALBERT P. MORIARTY, 33° . . . | <i>Gr.: Secretary.</i> |
| “ HENRY T. BRAGG, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Standard-Bearer.</i> |

The III.: Deputy then delivered the following address :

ILL.: BRETHREN—Though but little more than six months have elapsed since our last meeting, I have been induced to call you together at this time in deference to a very generally expressed opinion that this period of the year and this locality will secure a larger attendance and greater freedom of action, in view of the fact that the demands of ordinary business are less pressing at this time, and that the excitement naturally attending the annual communication of the Grand Lodge is absent. In thus yielding, I am free to say that my own reflections have tended in this direction, and I but express the general sentiment when I say that if the change shall result in any good to the Rite, we shall all be gratified.

I am gratified in being able to say, that since our last meeting, peace and good will have prevailed, and that a large degree of prosperity has attended the labors of the different bodies. Some have, as a matter of course, enjoyed a larger share of this prosperity than others, but the average of work done will show a larger increase of membership and a greater degree of interest in the Rite than ever before. I am gratified, too, in being able to add that there is being manifested a disposition to work the several degrees in a proper manner, and with the impressive effects of which they are capable.

Waiving the abstract question of making mere ritualism a *sine qua non*, and taking the old adage that “ whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well,” it would seem that we should encourage this tendency to such a reasonable extent that in our organizations there should be no grounds for unfavorable comparison with the methods of the other Rite. Out of this competence will grow another advantage, in a disposition to make fewer changes in presiding officers, and then only in favor of those who have demonstrated their capacity and willingness to perform their duties in a skillful and workmanlike manner. Whenever it comes that in the several organizations of this Rite, the grades can be conferred with the same promptitude, ease and correctness, that distinguish the labors of Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies of the National Rite, we shall have secured a “ coigne of vantage,” the value of which cannot easily be overestimated. We are indisputably on the road towards the effective attainment of this end, and it is respectfully urged that if by your councils and examples you can afford encourage-

ment to beginners and promote the zeal of the more advanced, you will make a notable advance toward placing the Ancient Accepted Rite on a foundation all the more solid and immovable, in that it will be more in accord with the general masonic idea on this subject, and the previous masonic education of those who are to be received among us.

I had the honor of being present at the annual session of the Supreme Council, held in Boston in November last, and the pleasure of meeting and exchanging greetings with nearly all the Grand officers, and a large representation of the Active and Emeritus and Honorary members of that Illustrious Body. The meeting was exceedingly pleasant and harmonious, and a large amount of business was transacted. Your recommendation that the word "affiliated," as applied to the qualification of applicants to Lodges of Perfection should be stricken out, was approved, and it is therefore now only required that they should be "Master Masons in good standing."

Ill.: Bros.: Jesse M. White, of Albany, Mead Belden, of Syracuse, A. J. Warner, of Rochester, John D. Williams, of Elmira, and George Babcock, of Troy, were elected to receive the 33d degree, and become Honorary members of the Supreme Council. Some of them presented themselves at that meeting and received the degree. It is expected that the others will be present at this time for a like purpose, in which case, with the assistance of those who are in possession of the grade, I propose to confer the degree.

I feel it a duty to call your attention to the fact that when the Rite first began to extend its organizations throughout this State, there were formed more Consistories than in the light of subsequent experience would seem to be prudent, from the fact that they were organized in advance of any actual need for the facilities they offer. I desire to be distinctly understood as making no special allusions, but as speaking only in the most general terms, and the question arises whether anything can or ought to be done to remedy the state of affairs in which we find ourselves. We are all aware that no direct legislation can be expected to effect a remedy, but the suggestion may be offered, whether after consultation it may not be found expedient to arrange one or more consolidations, and thus secure a few strong and active bodies in the place of a more general diffusion at the expense of solidity and healthful action. It was never intended that the higher grades of the Rite should become common and at the call of every man able to pay the required fees, and we shall find that whenever we depart from this understanding we are doing a wrong to the guiding principles handed down to us by the fathers, and impeding instead of aiding our own progress. It is to be hoped that this matter may be viewed in its proper light and that there may be found a willingness to sacrifice personal preferences to the general good.

Offering to you, individually and collectively, my best wishes for your continued health and prosperity, and urging a continued effort to

preserve the harmony and forward the interests of the Rite, I place the business of this Council of Deliberation in your hands, and await your pleasure.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: John L. Lewis, it was ordered, that the address be submitted to a committee, for the purpose of dividing and properly referring the several subjects contained therein to appropriate committees.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed as such committee:

Ill.: JOHN L. LEWIS, 33°,
 " ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°,
 " EDWIN J. LOOMIS, 33°.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: Charles H. Thomson, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to nominate suitable candidates for officers of this Council for the ensuing year.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed the following Ill.: brethren:

Ill.: CHARLES H. THOMSON, 33°,
 " TOWNSEND FONDEY, 33°,
 " EDWARD H. BROWN, 32°.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: John D. Williams, the Council was called off until half-past three P. M.

FEBRUARY 7, 1872.

Council resumed labor at half-past three P. M. Officers and representatives as at morning session.

The Ill.: Deputy announced the following Standing Committees:

On Credentials.—Albert P. Moriarty, R. G. Millard, Charles H. Thomson.

On Condition of the Rite.—R. H. Waterman, G. Satterlee, A. L. Northrup.

On Finance.—Charles Roome, Edwin J. Loomis, Jesse M. White.

On General Regulations.—Charles T. McClenachan, Mead Belden, Geo. W. Aldridge.

On Applications for New Bodies.—John C. Robinson, R. H. Waterman, O. W. Shipman.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Ill.: Deputy, rendered the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Ill.: Deputy, respectfully report:

That they most cordially join him in his congratulations upon the prosperity of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

No remark or commendation of ours could add force to the practical suggestions which the address contains, but perhaps some legislation may be needed to carry the suggestions into effect.

We would therefore recommend that so much of the address as re-

lates to the state of the Rite, be referred to the Standing Committee on the Condition of the Rite.

So much as relates to the consolidation of bodies of the Rite, to the same committee.

So much as relates to the actual working of the degrees in the subordinate bodies, be referred to the Committee on General Regulations.

Fraternally submitted.

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| JOHN L. LEWIS, | } | Committee. |
| ALBERT G. GOODALL, | | |
| EDWIN J. LOOMIS, | | |

Ill.: Bro.: John L. Lewis moved that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of raising a fund to defray the expenses of, and giving the Supreme Council a proper reception, at its next session, to be held in September next, in the city of New York.

The motion was adopted, and the Ill.: Deputy appointed

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| Ill.: JOHN L. LEWIS, | } | Committee. |
| " ALBERT G. GOODALL, | | |
| " CHARLES ROOME, | | |

as such committee.

The committee on nominating officers made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on nominating officers for the Council of Deliberation, would respectfully recommend the following Ill.: Brethren:

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| Ill.: GREGORY SATTERLEE, . . . | <i>First Lieut.-Com.</i> | } | Committee. |
| " HENRY A. BALCAM, . . . | <i>Second "</i> | | |
| " JOHN D. P. TOWNSEND, . . . | <i>Min. of State, Gr.: Or.</i> | | |
| " A. L. NORTHRUP, . . . | <i>Gr.: Chancellor.</i> | | |
| " JOHN C. ROBINSON, . . . | <i>Gr.: Eng.: and A.:</i> | | |
| " CHARLES P. CLARK, . . . | <i>Gr.: Hospitaller.</i> | | |
| " JAMES McCREDIE, . . . | <i>Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.</i> | | |
| " ANDREW H. DUDLEY, . . . | <i>Gr.: Standard Bearer.</i> | | |
| " JESSE B. ANTHONY, . . . | <i>Gr.: Capt.: of the Guard.</i> | | |
| " and REV. GEORGE C. PENNELL, | <i>Gr.: Prior.</i> | | |

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| CHARLES H. THOMSON, | } | Committee. |
| TOWNSEND FONDEY. | | |
| EDWARD H. BROWN, | | |

On motion, the nominations were unanimously confirmed, and the above named Illustrious Brethren declared the officers of this Council of Deliberation.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed—

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| Ill.: ALBERT P. MORIARTY, of N. Y. City, . . . | <i>Gr.: Secretary.</i> |
| " WILLIAM CARSON, of Rochester, . . . | <i>Gr.: Treasurer.</i> |

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: Van Brackle, the subject of resuscitating Jefferson Lodge of Perfection, and Jefferson Council of Princes of

Jerusalem, at Watertown, N. Y., was referred to the Committee on Applications for New Bodies.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: C. T. McClenachan, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Council of Deliberation of New York, that in *all* Consistories in this District, a vote be taken in the 30th degree for the degrees of the Areopagus; and another ballot in the 32° for the degrees of the Consistory proper.

Committee on Credentials made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Gr.: Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the subordinate bodies in this District for the sum of five dollars each, to defray the expenses of this Council of Deliberation.

CHARLES ROOME,
EDWIN L. LOOMIS,
JESSE M. WHITE,

} Committee.

The Committee on Application for New Bodies, to whom was referred the subject of resuscitating the Lodge of Perfection and Council of Princes at Watertown, reported, that they would recommend the said bodies to apply to the Supreme Council for new warrants.

On motion, the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Special Committee to raise funds for defraying the expenses of reception to the Supreme Council, reported: That they deemed it inexpedient to act in the premises at present. Which report was received and the committee continued.

The Committee on Condition of the Rite were granted permission to file their report with the Gr.: Sec.: during the recess, to be printed with the transactions.

Subsequently the committee filed the following report:

The Standing Committee on the Condition of the Rite, respectfully report:

That the annual address of the Illustrious Deputy for the District of New York, seems to have anticipated the legitimate labors of this committee, and in its exhaustive review of the events of the past masonic year presents a terse and gratifying history of the condition of the Rite in this District.

In all parts of the jurisdiction a new ambition signalizes the brethren; in New York, Brooklyn, Troy, Albany, Corning, Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo, our beautiful grades are being presented in all their completeness and original splendor.

A Lodge of Perfection is projected at Utica, with which the name of Illustrious Zenas C. Priest, 33°, is prominently associated. Your committee considers this fact alone

“A tower of strength.”

and auspicious of the most satisfactory results in Ineffable masonry,

and hope that this Council of Deliberation will give its affirmative action in that behalf whenever its constitutional prerogatives may be invoked.

This report would be incomplete did it fail to notice the extraordinary activity of the Rite, especially in the valleys of New York City and Brooklyn; in the former locality, more particularly, a spirit of generous, competitive rivalry is constantly manifest, hence an elaborate and complete rendering of all the grades, and a thorough presentation of the original work without modern improvement.

In the valley of Brooklyn, the four bodies under the distinctive title of *AURORA GRATA* have handsomely revived; and with a new corps of officers emulated the brilliant progress of the brethren in New York, whose harvests, in time, will require jealous guardianship.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

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| R. H. WATERMAN, 33°, | } |
| G. SATTERLEE, 32°, | |
| A. L. NORTHRUP, 32°, | Committee. |

On motion the Council of Deliberation unanimously recommended that the Supreme Council be requested to grant a warrant to "Templar Council Princes of Jerusalem," of the city of New York.

Ill.: Bro.: Albert G. Goodall made enquiry relative to the understood meaning of the words, "*in good standing.*" as applying to non-affiliated masons.

The Ill.: Deputy explained, by quoting portions of the Constitution of the Gr.: Lodge of the State of New York, and decided that "*in the absence of suspension or expulsion, a Master Mason is in good standing.*"

Ill.: Bro.: C. T. McClenaghan, by request of the Ill.: Deputy:, then took the East and exemplified the secret work, as adopted by the Supreme Council at its last session.

Ill.: Bro.: Clark, Gr.: Hospitaller, passed the box of fraternal assistance, and collected \$5.30.

Ill.: Bro.: C. H. Thomson, on behalf of the Past Gr.: Hospitaller, reported that there was in the hands of Ill.: Bro.: Robert J: Burnham, \$10.09 subject to the disposal of the Council.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: C. H. Thomson, it was ordered that the Gr.: Sec.: be directed to publish the Transactions of this session, under the supervision of the Ill.: Deputy.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: Edwin J. Loomis, it was

Resolved. That the thanks of this Council of Deliberation be tendered to Mr. G. Martin, for the gratuitous use of his elegant hall during this session.

The Council of Deliberation was then closed in ample form.

ORRIN WELCH, 33°.

Dep. for the State of New York, Com.-in-Chief.

ALBERT P. MORIARTY, 33°,

Gr.: Sec.:

NEW JERSEY.

Pursuant to call, a Council of Deliberation was held at Jersey City, on the 23d day of the Hebrew month, Tamuz, A. M. 5632, answering to the 29th day of July, A. D. 1872.

There were present: John Sheville, 33°, D. W. Wyman, 33°, W. Wallace Goodwin, 33°, Geo. B. Edwards, 33°, Marcus Higginbotham, 33°, Charles Bechtel, 33°, Rev. M. B. Smith, 32°, J. W. Cosad, 32°, H. Lind-sley, 32°, M. V. Banta, 32°, A. J. Clark, 32°, James B. Taylor, 32°, Warren Tucker, 32°, Ludlow Allen, 32°, A. C. Peters, 32°, George Scott, 32°, J. B. Borden, 32°, W. H. McIlhaney, 32°, A. B. Frazee, 32°, Thomas McDowell, 32°, E. Bootes, 32°, B. B. Ayerigg, 32°, Peter Dobbs, 18°, Thomas Agens, 18°, Rev. S. M. Rice, 14°, Rev. A. L. Brice, 14°, John D. Joslin, 14°; and the following distinguished visitors, who were during the session, received with the honors due to the exalted grades to which they have attained, viz: Henry C. Banks, 33°, of New York, Otis Cole, 33°, of Rochester, N. Y., W. H. Bernard, 32°, of Brooklyn, N. Y., William Fowler, 32°, of New York, and Rev. W. H. Carter, 32°, of Indiana.

The Illustrious Deputy called the Council to order at 2:45 P. M., and appointed the following officers *pro tem.*

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| B. B. AYCRIGG, | <i>Min.: of State and Gr.: Or.: Grand Prior.</i> |
| REV. W. H. CARTER, | <i>Grand Hospitaller.</i> |
| LUDLOW ALLEN, | <i>Grand Sentinel.</i> |
| JOHN D. JOSLIN, | |

The Grand Prior invoked a blessing upon the assembly, and the Deputy declared the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey opened and in order for business.

Ill.: Bros.: James B. Taylor, D. W. Wyman and A. B. Frazee, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who subsequently made their report, which was adopted. They reported representatives from fourteen bodies.

The Ill.: Deputy then announced the following named brethren to fill vacancies on the Standing Committees:

Committee on Business.—Marcus Higginbotham, in place of A. L. Wilcox.

Committee on Condition of the Rite.—Ludlow Allen, in place of James M. Cassady.

Committee on Applications for New Bodies.—John W. Cosad, in place of Wm. H. Jefferys.

The Illustrious Deputy then delivered the following address:

ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN:—Through the infinite mercy of the Grand Architect of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble in annual council, to deliberate together for the advancement of the best interests of the Ancient Accepted Rite in this District. I greet you all with a hearty and fraternal salutation, and congratulate you on the gen-

eral progress, the peace, unity and harmony that prevail throughout our jurisdiction.

Success has crowned our efforts to increase the usefulness of our beloved Rite, and the work which has been done reflects credit and honor upon our subordinate bodies.

The returns for the term ending July 1st, show an increase of 48 G.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons; 32 Val.: Princes; 49 Rose Croix Knights, and 36 Sub.: Princes of the Royal Secret. We have in five Lodges of Perfection a membership of 274; in four Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, 179; in four Chapters of Rose Croix, 150; and in the Consistory, 135. The amount of dues to the Supreme Council is five hundred and seventy-three dollars.

At the late session of the Supreme Council, a dispensation was granted to Ill.: Bro.: Jerome B. Borden and others, to open a Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of New Brunswick, under the name and title of "New Brunswick Lodge of Perfection." These brethren now make application to this Council of Deliberation for a recommendation for a charter or warrant; and I earnestly commend them to your favorable consideration, they having complied with the constitutional regulations, and made returns to the Supreme Council.

The Constitution requiring that some portion of the work shall be exemplified at each annual Council of Deliberation, I have extended an invitation through Ill.: Bro.: Chas. T. McClenaghan, 33°, T.: P.: G.: M.:, to Templar Lodge of Perfection, of New York, to confer the 14th grade before the Council this evening; and I rejoice to say that the invitation has been cordially and fraternally accepted.

I now call your particular attention to Art. 31 of the Constitution of the Supreme Council, which says: "All returns shall be made up to the first day of July, annually, and be transmitted immediately thereafter to the Deputy of the District with the dues, who shall transmit such returns and dues to the Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: on or before the first day of August thereafter."

"The Secretaries of each body shall, immediately after each election of officers, transmit a certificate thereof to the Deputy of the District."

I regret to state that this last clause has not in a single instance been complied with; and Ill.: Brethren, I urge upon you the necessity of promptness in this respect, so that the Deputy may know to whom documents may be sent, so as to be sure to reach the desired destination.

Your attention is also directed to the following amendments to the Constitution, which were made by the Supreme Council at its session in Boston last November.

Art. 36, concerning election of officers in Consistory, is amended so as to read: "Its election shall take place triennially at a stated meeting on or before the twenty-seventh of December."

Art. 38 is amended so as to read: "The election of officers of all

Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, shall be held at a stated meeting on or next preceding the twentieth day of the month Tebet."

Art. 39, concerning election of officers in Lodges of Perfection, is amended so as to read : "The election shall take place at a stated meeting on or next preceding the third day of the month Adar."

In conclusion, permit me to offer to you my best wishes for your happiness and prosperity, and to urge upon you a continued effort to preserve the harmony and advance the interests of our beloved Rite.

JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°,

Deputy for District of New Jersey.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed Ill.: Bros.: George B. Edwards, B. B. Aycrigg and Thomas Agens a committee to nominate suitable candidates for officers of this Council for the ensuing year, who subsequently submitted the following report :

To the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey:

Your committee appointed to nominate candidates for officers of this Council, submit the following named Illustrious Brethren as suitable persons to fill the various offices named below, to wit :

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| Ill.: First Lieut.-Commander, | J. W. COSAD. |
| " Second Lieut.-Commander, | A. B. FRAZEE. |
| " Min.: of State and Gr.: Orator, | M. B. SMITH. |
| " Grand Chancellor, | A. J. CLARK. |
| " " Eng.: and Architect, | J. B. BORDEN. |
| " " Hospitaller, | M. V. BANTA. |
| " " Standard Bearer | THOS. McDOWELL. |
| " " Capt.: of the Guard, | ALEX. C. PETERS. |

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. EDWARDS,
B. B. AYCRIGG,
THOS. AGENS, } Committee.

The Council then proceeded to the election, which resulted in the unanimous choice of the Ill.: Brethren nominated by the committee.

The Ill.: Deputy then made the following appointments, to wit :

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| Ill.: Gr.: Prior, | REV. J. M. FREEMAN. |
| " Gr.: Treasurer, | CHARLES BECHTEL. |
| " Gr.: Secretary, | JAMES B. TAYLOR. |
| " Gr.: Master of Ceremonies, | A. L. DUNHAM. |
| " Gr.: Sentinel, | SAMUEL P. DUBOIS. |

The Committee on the Condition of the Rite submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes :

To the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey.

Your Committee on the Condition of the Rite submit the following report, which embodies the membership of the different bodies in the

District, and the work done in the same during the past year, which is all your committee have been able to find available to report upon at this time.

We would congratulate this Ill.: body on the steady progress the Rite is making in the District of New Jersey, and no doubt can be entertained of a continued increase as the light develops itself in our midst.

The following table exhibits the work and condition, according to the returns made to the Ill.: Deputy for the District, to which we invite your consideration:

LODGES OF PERFECTION.

| | Members. | Initiates. | Dues. |
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| Jersey City | 80 | 12 | \$41 00 |
| St. John's | 78 | 11 | 38 00 |
| Mercer | 27 | .. | 5 00 |
| Excelsior | 82 | 13 | 44 00 |
| New Brunswick | 7 | 7 | 26 00 |
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COUNCILS OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM.

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| Jersey City | 32 | 14 | 47 00 |
| Newark | 68 | 7 | 26 00 |
| Mercer | 17 | .. | 5 00 |
| Excelsior | 67 | 11 | 38 00 |
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CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX.

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| Jersey City | 32 | 14 | 38 00 |
| Newark | 57 | 7 | 19 00 |
| Trenton | 19 | .. | 5 00 |
| Excelsior | 42 | 28 | 61 00 |
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| New Jersey Consistory | 184 | 36 | 185 00 |
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Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. C. PETERS,
CHAS. BECHTEL,
LUDLOW ALLEN, } Committee.

The Committee on Business stated that as there was nothing referred to them, and they were unable to discover anything to which to direct the particular attention of this Council of Deliberation, they did not deem it necessary to make any formal report. The statement was received by the Council and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The Committee on Applications for New Bodies submitted the following recommendation, which was unanimously adopted.

To the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey:

Your Committee on Applications for New Bodies, would respectfully recommend to the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: -Gen that a warrant be granted to "New Brunswick Lodge of Perfection," at New Brunswick, Middlesex County.

Respectfully submitted,

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| CHAS. BECHTEL, | } | Committee. |
| J. W. COSAD, | | |
| A. C. PETERS, | | |

The Secretary read a bill for printing notices, envelopes and P. O. stamps, amounting to \$4.15, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, who subsequently reported the same correct, when it was ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Ritualistic matters reported that they had nothing to report at this time, except that arrangements had been made for exemplifying the fourteenth grade during the evening; which report was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

To the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey:

Your Committee on Finance report that we have considered several matters of a financial character, and recommend that the Ill.: Deputy and Secretary be authorized to lay an assessment on the bodies of the A.: A.: Rite in this District for the sum of sixty dollars, which amount is necessary to pay the bills for expenses, including the printing of the Proceedings, Secretary's bill, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

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| A. B. FRAZEE, | } | Committee. |
| THOS. AGENS, | | |
| THOS. McDOWELL, | | |

The Ill.: Deputy announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

On Business—D. W. Wyman, A. J. Clark, Thos. McDowell.

On Condition of the Rite—Alex. C. Peters, Charles Rechtel, Jerome B. Borden.

On Finance—A. B. Frazee, M. V. Banta, Thos. J. Corson.

On Applications for New Bodies—Wm. H. Jefferys, M. B. Smith, Hanford Lindsley.

On Ritualistic Matters—James B. Taylor, W. W. Goodwin, John W. Cosad.

The box of fraternal assistance was then passed, and the amount collected, \$3.07, was ordered to be paid to the Home for Friendless Children.

Ill.: and Rev. W. H. Carter, Grand Prior *p. t.*, returned thanks to the G.: A.: O.: T.: U.: for the harmony which had prevailed during

the session, and invoked God's blessing on the Rite throughout the District. The Council was then closed.

JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°,
Deputy for New Jersey.

JAMES B. TAYLOR, 32°,
Gr.: Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

In obedience to the summons issued by Ill.: Sov.: G.: I.: G.: Anthony E. Stocker, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council of the A.: A.: S.: Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, of U. S. of N. A., for the State of Pennsylvania, a Council of Deliberation was convened in the Commandery room of the Masonic Hall, Chestnut St., Philadelphia, on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, 15 minutes, the 22d day of the Hebrew month Kislev, A. M. 5632, answering to the 5th day of December, A. D. 1871.

PRESENT.

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| A. E. STOCKER, 33°, | Ill.: Commander-in-Chief. |
| A. M. POLLOCK, 33°, | " 1st Lieut.-Commander. |
| CHAS. R. EARLY, 33°, | " 2d " " |
| JOHN HANOLD, 33°, | " Min.: of State and Gr.: Orator. |
| ROBERT H. PATTISON, 32°, | " Grand Prior. |
| THOS. R. DAVIS, 33°, | " Chancellor. |
| NATHAN SMITH, 33°, | " Treasurer. |
| TOWNSEND S. HUNN, 33°, | " Secretary. |
| ISAAC MUFF, 33°, | " Eng.: and Architect. |
| JOHN SARTAIN, 33°, | " Master of Ceremonies. |
| GEORGE GLASS, 32°, | " Standard-Bearer. |
| EDWARD S. KEELER, 32°, | " Capt. of Guard. |
| DANIEL THOMPSON, 32°, | " Sentinel. |
| ANDREW ROBENO, JR., 33°, | " Hospitaller. |

There were also present the following Active members of the Supreme Council:

H. STANLEY GOODWIN, 33°, JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°.

Honorary members of the Supreme Council:

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| JOHN VALLERCHAMP, 33°, | C. F. KNAPP, 33°. |
| C. E. MEYER, 33°, | W. H. EGLE, 33°, |
| THOS. R. PATTEN, 33°, | JAMES M. PORTER, 33°, |
| C. H. KINGSTON, 33°, | M. R. MUCKLE, 33°, |
| E. S. WYCKOFF, 33°, | SAMUEL HARPER, 33°, |
| W. H. JEFFERYS, 33°, of N. J., | JOHN SARTAIN, 33°; |

The following Bodies were represented;

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| Philadelphia Sov.: Consistory, | Pennsylvania Council P.: of J.:, |
| Pennsylvania Sov.: Consistory, | Philadelphia G.: L.: of Perfection, |
| Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, | Gourgas G.: L.: of Perfection, |
| Pittsburg Chapter of Rose Croix, | Shrewsbury G.: L.: of Perfection. |
| De Joinville Council P.: of J.:, | |

A large number of visitors were present.

The Ill.: Deputy was pleased to deliver the following address:

ILL.: BRETHREN:—Since we last met in Council of Deliberation, the A.: and A.: Rite has steadily progressed in Pennsylvania. Whilst numbers should never be the measure of success in masonry, but character and standing, I am happy to say that our bodies, while holding this cardinal point ever in view, have largely added to their membership during the past year. Though long dormant, and well nigh lost sight of for a number of years, the A.: and A.: Rite now bids fair to attain the same measure of success accorded to her sister rite in this State. If, however, we wish it to be placed on a substantial and sure foundation, more attention must be given to the Ritual, and less reliance placed upon manuals in the conferring of our degrees. At the last session of the Supreme Council, just closed, the ritual for the degrees, from the 5th to the 14th, both inclusive, has been adopted, and will be communicated to all subordinate bodies in the usual manner. When received, it should be studied thoroughly, committed to memory and worked in full when practicable.

But, brethren, there is a hindrance to the successful and imposing rendering of our Ritual to be found in the too frequent changes made in the presiding officers of Chapters, Councils and Lodges. Although the Constitution provides for an annual election in those bodies, it does not forbid the re-election of a competent and zealous officer. In other jurisdictions, an officer who has proved himself efficient is re-elected year after year, and the work attains a degree of excellence which we have not realized here. Were you once to see our degrees worked in all their beauty of language and ceremonial, I am sure you would not be satisfied with the too hasty and imperfect manner in which the degrees are too often given. The Constitution of the Supreme Council requires that one month at least should elapse between the reception of each series of degrees. This is a wise and wholesome restriction. I have been informed, however, that this regulation has not been observed in many subordinate bodies. If so, their acts are unconstitutional and void, unless dispensations have been previously granted, as provided for by the Constitution.

When applied to for such dispensations I shall feel compelled to decline granting them, except the necessity for a contrary action shall be very clear, and not because the candidate wishes to receive all the degrees in one evening.

At the last session of the Supreme Council, held at Boston, in November, the Constitution was so amended as to allow all subordinate bodies to hold their elections at the stated meetings on or before the feast days previously appointed for the same.

Unanimous consent was also given, allowing the 33° to be conferred in this city on the candidates from Pennsylvania elected to receive that high grade, and by virtue of a commission from the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.:, I have this day conferred the Hon.: 33° on the following named S.: P.: of the R.: S.::

Chas. Richard Early, M. D., Bloomsburg.
Andrew Robeno, Jr., Philadelphia,
Thos. Reez Davis, "
J. Madison Porter, Easton,
Isaac Muff, Philadelphia,
Mark Richards Muckle, Philadelphia,
Edward Stout Wyckoff, "
John Sartain, "
Thos. Rankin Patton, "
Wm. Henry Egle, Harrisburg,
Samuel Harper, Pittsburg,
Wm. Henry Jefferys, New Jersey,

and they have been received and acknowledged as Ill.: Inspectors-General of the 33°.

As this Council of Deliberation has been clothed with legislative authority in the State, it is right and proper that we should have some rules and regulations to govern it. I have accordingly notified the committee appointed that they will be called upon for a report at this session, and I ask your attention to the same.

An annual assessment has been levied upon each subordinate body, but I am sorry to say that it has not been paid with the promptitude its importance demands. See to it, brethren, that punctuality on this point, with corresponding ability on the part of this Council to meet all its liabilities, shall ensure the respect and confidence of all within and without the Order.

Since we last met, the bodies of the A.: A.: Rite in Carlisle have been consolidated with those at Harrisburg. The charters of those at Carlisle have been surrendered and placed in the archives of the Supreme Council.

The Lodge of Perfection at Shrewsbury, still works under dispensation from the Supreme Council. It has had some difficulties to contend with, but it is hoped that it may soon be in a condition to ask for a warrant.

It is very desirable that Lodges of Perfection should be formed in large cities and towns, and serve as feeders for the higher degrees, of which the number of bodies should be fewer and at more distant points.

Congratulating you, Ill.: Brethren, upon the increasing interest manifested in our Council of Deliberation, I ask your hearty co-operation in furthering the interests of the order in Pennsylvania.

(Signed,) _____

ANTHONY E. STOCKER, 33°,

Deputy and Commander-in-Chief.

Ill.: C. F. Knapp, 33°, moved that a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers for the Council.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed Ill.: Bros.: Harper, Porter and Egle.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations submitted the following report, which, on motion of Ill.: S.: G.: I.: G.: Goodwin, 33°, was taken up in sections and adopted, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. The Council shall be known and distinguished as the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

ART. 2. This Council of Deliberation shall be composed of its officers, those who have received the 33° residing in Pennsylvania, the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories, the first three officers of Consistories and Chapters, and the first four officers of Councils of P.: of J.: and Lodges of Perfection, or their proxies duly appointed.

ART. 3. The officers of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation shall be styled and take rank as follows:

1. The Ill.: Commander-in-Chief.
2. The 1st Lieutenant-Commander.
3. The 2d Lieutenant-Commander.
4. The Minister of State and Grand Orator.
5. The Grand Prior.
6. The Grand Chancellor.
7. The Grand Treasurer.
8. The Grand Secretary.
9. The Grand Engineer and Architect.
10. The Grand Hospitaller.
11. The Grand Master of Ceremonies.
12. The Grand Standard-Bearer.
13. The Grand Captain of Guard.
14. The Grand Sentinel.

ART. 4. No member shall be eligible to office in this Council of Deliberation, except he be a permanent member thereof, or a member of a subordinate Consistory in this jurisdiction.

ART. 5. All of the officers not designated by the Constitution of the Supreme Council, to be appointed by the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief, shall be elected by ballot.

ART. 6. No visitor shall be admitted during the session of the Council of Deliberation, except by permission of the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief.

ART. 7. Each Consistory and Chapter shall be entitled to three

votes, and each Council and Lodge to four votes, if represented by one or more of its officers or by proxy.

ART. 8. The revenue of this Council of Deliberation shall be derived as follows: An annual assessment on each of the subordinate bodies in the State shall be made by the Council of Deliberation at its annual session. Said assessment shall be for the current year, and for the same term as is included in the annual returns to the Supreme Council, and shall be due and payable within sixty days after the close of the Council of Deliberation. If payment be delayed, an additional tax of ten per cent. per month shall be added thereto, and no subordinate body shall be entitled to representation in this Council of Deliberation until said assessment and fines be paid in full, or be remitted by a vote of this Council.

ART. 9. The Ill.: Com.-in-Chief shall appoint the following committees, consisting of three members each: On Credentials, Finance, and Nomination for Officers and Work.

ART. 10. All Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, members in good standing of Consistories in this State, shall be entitled to seats in this body, except when in executive session, and shall enjoy the rights of speaking on all questions, but shall not have the right to vote thereon.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any communication.

W. H. EGLE,
JOHN VALLERCHAMP, }
JOHN HANOLD, } Committee.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

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| <i>Ill.: 1st Lieut.-Commander,</i> | <i>CHRISTIAN FRED. KNAPP, 33°.</i> |
| " <i>2d</i> | <i>ALEX. M. POLLOCK, 33°.</i> |
| " <i>Min.: of State and Gr.: Orator,</i> | <i>W. H. EGLE, 33°.</i> |
| " <i>Gr.: Chancellor,</i> | <i>JOHN HANOLD, 33°.</i> |
| " <i>Gr.: Engineer and Architect,</i> | <i>ALEX. FINDLE, 32°.</i> |
| " <i>Gr.: Hospitaller,</i> | <i>THEO. F. SCHEFFER, 32°.</i> |
| " <i>Gr.: Standard-Bearer,</i> | <i>GEO. GLASS, 32°.</i> |
| " <i>Gr.: Capt.: of Guard,</i> | <i>CHAS. R. EARLY, 32°.</i> |
| " <i>Gr.: Sentinel,</i> | <i>CHAS. SCHNEIDER, 32°.</i> |

The report was, on motion, adopted, and on motion the names reported were elected *viva voce*.

The report of the Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the same assessment for this year, as was for 1871, was ordered.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Council of Deliberation earnestly recommend to all Lodges, Councils and Chapters in its jurisdiction, to re-elect their

officers when they are competent and familiar with the work, from year to year as far as practicable.

No other business appearing, the Council closed at 5:15 P. M., to attend an exemplification of the work of a Lodge of Sorrow.

ANTHONY E. STOCKER, M. D., 33°,

Sov.: Gr.: Ins.-Gen.: and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

TOWNSEND S. HUNN,
Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

ORIENT OF CINCINNATI, Ohio,
Tuesday, March 10, 1872.

In accordance with Article 34 of the Constitution, and in obedience to the summons of the Illustrious Deputy for the District, Ill.: Bro.: E. T. Carson, a Grand Council of Deliberation assembled in Masonic Temple, in Cincinnati, on Tuesday, March 10, 1872, at 11 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT.

Ill.: Bro.: E. T. CARSON, 33°, Deputy presiding.

Also present the following Illustrious brethren, viz:

K. H. VAN RENNSLAER, 33° Active member of Supreme Council.

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| C. C. KIEFER, 33°, Honorary. | CHAS. A. WOODWARD, 33°, Honorary. |
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| F. J. PHILLIPS, 33°, " | THEODORE ROSS, 33°, " |
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| JAS. S. TOTTEN, 33°, " | A. M. ROSS, Honorary elect. |
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| WM. R. HAWES, 33°, " | A. B. HUSTON, " " |
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| JOHN E. BELL, 33°, " | |
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On motion, Bro.: John D. Caldwell was appointed Secretary.

On motion, the Illustrious Deputy appointed the following committees, viz :

On Credentials—Ill.: Bros.: Jas. Nesbitt, 32°, C. A. Woodward, 33°.

On Condition of the Rite—Ill.: Bros.: K. H. Van Rensselaer, 33°, C. C. Kiefer, 33°, John L. Stettinius, 32°.

General Regulations—Ill.: Bros.: Chas. A. Woodward, 33°, W. P. Wiltsie, 32°, B. D. Babcock, 32°.

Application for New Bodies—Ill.: Bros.: K. H. Van Rensselaer, 33°, G. H. Burt, 32°, W. R. Hawes, 33°.

The committee reported the following subordinate bodies represented in this Council of Deliberation, viz:

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| Ohio Consistory, | Bahurim Council, Cleveland, |
| Cincinnati, Chapter Rose Croix, | Gibulum Lodge Perfection, |
| Ariel Chapter Rose Croix, Cleveland, | Cincinnati, |
| Dalcho Council, Cincinnati, | Eliadah Lodge Perfection, |
| | Cleveland. |

Bro.: C. A. Woodward, from the Committee on General Regulations, offered the following, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Illustrious Deputy of the State be respectfully requested to use his influence at the next session of the Supreme Council, to have the Rule in relation to the subject of jurisdiction amended so as to require all applicants for the degrees to apply to the bodies of the Rite nearest their places of residence."

Ill.: Bro.: J. D. Caldwell adverted to the former facilities afforded in a Grand Consistory of the Northern Jurisdiction for representation of the subordinates, and moved reference of that subject, with view for recommendation of a more liberal policy to the rank and file of the Order; which reference was made, and a special committee appointed, as follows, viz :

Ill.: Bros.: C. C. KIEFER,
J. D. CALDWELL,
J. L. STETTINIUS,
F. J. PHILLIPS,

and Ill.: Bro.: E. T. CARSON was added, which committee reported as follows, viz :

To the Ill.: Council of the A.: and A.: Rite of Ohio :

Your select committee respectfully report, that the matter submitted of a proposed Grand Consistory of the Northern Jurisdiction meets our approval. We recommend that a special committee be appointed to draft a plan, including a Constitution and Form of Government of such, to provide for adequate representation and legislation of subordinate bodies—the plan to be printed for presentation to next Supreme Council by our Representatives, and the expense of said publication, on bills approved by the Ill.: G.: Commander, to be assessed on the subordinate bodies of the Rite in Ohio.

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| (Signed.) | E. T. CARSON, CHAS. B. KIEFER, JOHN D. CALDWELL, JOHN L. STETTINIUS, | } |
| | <i>Committee.</i> | |

The same was fully considered, and after discussion, was unanimously adopted; and the Ill.: Deputy appointed the following brethren as the special committee under the foregoing resolution, viz :

Ill.: Bros.: C. C. KIEFER,
JOHN D. CALDWELL,
JOHN L. STETTINIUS,
F. J. PHILLIPS, and
S. SICKELS.

Bro.: Kiefer, from the Committee on Condition of the Rite, reported that the Rite was in a most flourishing and healthy condition; that there was nothing requiring especial legislation, further than was con-

templated in the resolution recommending some modification of our present regulations so as to give a more liberal representation to the members in the legislation and government of the Rite. Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Bro.: Van Rensselaer, from the Committee on Applications for New Bodies, reported that there were no applications presented for new bodies, which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Ill.: Bro.: FRED. WEBBER, 33°, Active Member of the Southern Supreme Council, and Ill.: Bro.: MERTON, 33°, of Canada, were announced, and were received with the Grand Honors due their high official masonic position.

An invitation was received from Gibulum Grand Lodge of Perfection, Dalcho Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Cincinnati Chapter of Rose Croix and Ohio Consistory of S.: P.: R.: S.:, 32°, to this Council to witness the exemplification of the working of all the grades in these bodies, which invitation was accepted.

The Council then adjourned, and met again from day to day during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 10th, 11th and 12th, during which time all the grades were exemplified by the above named bodies in the presence of the Council.

THURSDAY EVENING, March 12th, 8 o'clock.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, and witnessed the working in full of the 31st and 32d grades by Ohio Consistory, Ill.: Bro.: E. T. Carson presiding.

On motion of Bro.: C. A. Woodward, the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council of Deliberation be tendered to Gibulum Lodge, Dalcho Council of P.: of J.:, Cincinnati Chapter of Rose Croix and Ohio Consistory for the very able, beautiful and perfect manner in which they have illustrated the work of all the degrees of the A.: and A.: Rite, from 4° to 32° inclusive, before this Council; also to the brethren of Cincinnati for their kind and generous hospitality so liberally extended to all the visiting brethren.

No further business appearing at low twelve, the Council was closed. *sine die.*

E. T. CARSON, 33°,
JOHN D. CALDWELL, 32°,
Deputy for Ohio.
Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

[None held.]

ILLINOIS.

FOURTH ANNUAL ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.

Held in West Masonic Temple, Chicago, June 28, 1872.

There were present four Active and eight Honorary members of the Supreme Council. Also Representatives from all the chartered bodies except those in the Valley of Peoria.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| Ill.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°, | <i>Com.-in-Chief.</i> |
| " WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, | <i>Dep. Commander.</i> |
| " HOSMER A. JOHNSON, 33°, | <i>First Lieut.-Com.:</i> |
| " DAVID D. DUNKLE, 32°, | <i>as Second Lieut.-Com.:</i> |
| " ORLIN H. MINER, 33°, | <i>as Gr.: Min.: of S.: and Orator.</i> |
| " LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°, | <i>Gr.: Prior.</i> |
| " GEORGE THOMPSON, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Chancellor.</i> |
| " EUGENE B. MYERS, 33°, | <i>Gr.: Treasurer.</i> |
| " GILBERT R. SMITH, 33°, | <i>Gr.: Secretary.</i> |
| " WM. M. AVISE, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Eng.: and Arch.</i> |
| " NATHAN F. PRENTICE, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Hospitaller.</i> |
| " WARREN G. PURDY, 33°, | <i>Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| " M. D. CHAMBERLAIN, 32°, | <i>Gr.: St.: Bearer.</i> |
| " WM. A. WARREN, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Capt.: of the Guard.</i> |
| " H. F. HOLCOMB, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Sentinel.</i> |

The Council was opened in due form, at 10 o'clock A. M., by the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief.

The Divine blessing was invoked by the Grand Prior, Ill.: Loyal L. Munn.

The Ill.: Deputy announced that Most Worshipful DeWitt C. Cregier, 32°, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was present, and extended to him the following fraternal welcome:

Most Worshipful Sir:

Recognizing the Blue Lodge as the foundation stone upon which our beautiful Rite is reared, and entertaining the most profound consideration and respect for the Grand Lodge of Illinois, of which you are the honored head and chief, it is therefore with unusual and peculiar pleasure that we welcome and invite you to a seat in our Council of Deliberation. And gladly bearing witness to the unity of feeling and action between our respective rights, which have so uniformly obtained, we beg to assure you that any suggestions or recommendations looking to the greater usefulness of our Rite, or to a still closer union between the York and Scottish Rites, you may be pleased to offer, will be both respectfully received and gratefully appreciated.

Grand Master Cregier was then escorted to the Grand East, and introduced by the Ill.: Deputy to the Council, with Grand Honors. To which Brother Cregier responded as follows:

Ill.: Deputy and Brethren:

My presence here at this time being entirely accidental, I am obliged to confess myself but poorly prepared to respond, in a fitting manner, to your considerate and fraternal words of welcome. This is the first time I have had the honor of attending a "Council" of this important grade of masonry, and as I am not a "Deliberator," I shall crave your indulgence if I betray a want of knowledge of the proprieties and demands of the occasion.

While I would not trespass upon your valuable time, I cannot forbear to express an earnest appreciation of the gratifying remarks of the Ill.: Deputy, who, although the chief representative, in our jurisdiction, of a large and influential associate branch of masonry, gracefully acknowledges its fealty to, and dependence upon Symbolic Masonry, as the foundation and "Corner Stone" of its existence, thus illustrating the beautiful symbolism of homage and respect to the parent. To the enunciation and application of this fundamental principle of government is due that degree of unity, harmony and prosperity which characterizes the Rite in our midst, and for which you, Ill.: Deputy, and your co-laborers, are to be congratulated.

Ill.: Sir, I am aware that no personal merit of mine claims the attention of so distinguished a body of masons as are here assembled. *I expected to have come and gone unnoticed.* However, I accept, with thanks, the compliment tendered, in behalf of the forty thousand craftsmen whom I have the honor to represent, and whom you have been pleased to regard as a part of the mighty "Corner Stone" of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed Ill.: Gilbert R. Smith, 33°, M. D. Chamberlain, 32°, and Nathan F. Prentice, 32°, a Committee on Credentials.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed the following committees:

Committee on Business—to whom shall be referred the Address of the Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: Henry C. Ranney, 33°, Nathan F. Prentice, 32°, and George Thompson, 32°.

Committee on Condition of the Rite.—Ill.: Walter A. Stevens, 33°, Loyal L. Munn, 33°, Gilbert W. Barnard, 32°, W. M. Avise, 32°, Orlin H. Miner, 32°, David D. Dunkle, 32°, and Wm. A. Warren, 32°.

Committee on Regulations.—Ill.: Orlin H. Miner, 32°, Nathan F. Prentice, 32°, and W. M. Avise, 32°.

Committee on Finance.—Ill.: Theodore T. Gurney, 33°, Asa W. Blakesley, 32°, and Warren G. Purdy, 33°.

Committee on Ritualistic Matters.—Ill.: James H. Paddock, 32°, H. F. Holcomb, 32°, S. E. Seger, 32°, L. R. Jerome, 32°, and M. D. Chamberlain, 32°.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report, which was, on motion of Ill.: Henry C. Ranney, 33°, accepted.

The Ill^o. Deputy then delivered his annual address:

ILL^o. BRETHREN:—By the kindness and courtesy of Cleveland Lodge, A. F. and A. M., we meet in their Hall, to exchange fraternal greetings and discharge duties that demand our care and attention as a Council of Deliberation. I need not remind you that the conditions under which we last assembled in this capacity are sadly changed. Then we could proudly welcome you to our city, as the scene of unexampled prosperity and progress—the marvel of all the centuries. To-day we have little to exhibit but lengthened miles of desolation. Then we could offer accommodations and hospitalities, most inviting and sumptuous; to-day we can only ask you to partake of homely fare, in the crowded and unpretending retreats which misfortune gladly accepted as a shelter from the pitiless storms. Then we assembled in the inner courts of our Temple, made sacred by long and undisturbed possession, and by thronging memories of past associations, by all the hallowed memorials which had been gathered. To-day we have nothing left but the memory; the memorials have vanished, the sacred vessels and vestments have been seized by a remorseless foe, whose ear is deaf to every prayer for restoration; our Temple is laid low; not one stone upon another that has not been thrown down.

But this terrible visitation by fire, which rendered so many of our brethren homeless and penniless; which destroyed the halls and paraphernalia of the several bodies of our Rite in this city, was not wholly a calamity; it had its blessed compensations. Sad, indeed, if we have not learned some useful lessons in passing through such an ordeal.

In speaking for myself I am sure I speak for all the brethren who reside in this city, when I gratefully recognize the chastening hand which has wounded only to heal; to arouse a manlier courage; to unfold neglected energy; to moderate and chaste ambition; to rebuke improvidence and recklessness; to develop a prudent care and a wise precaution.

Nor is this all or the best of the blessings that have ripened in the footsteps of trials. It was worth more than any material rule can measure to see so vast a flame kindled upon the neglected altars of a common brotherhood. The great fire did something more and better than to sweep away our wealth and the fairest work of our hands. It burned up whole mountains of the dross of worldly selfishness; it melted the icy barriers that divide sects and parties; it dissolved all jealousies and envyings and hatreds, and left the unperverted soul free to assert its holiest tendencies and pour out a generous tide of Godlike charities. God, who made a way for the lightning of the thunder, sent His quickest servant of His will to tell the dwellers of all the land, from ocean to ocean, and other millions across the seas, the story of our peril and our need, and every trembling wire bore back the messages of a World's unbounded sympathy, and every whitening sail and

every panting, fiery steed hastened to bring a World's unstinted measure of relief.

The ready sympathy expressed, and the prompt and generous aid afforded by both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, demand of us a grateful recognition.

As soon as the tidings of our great calamity reached Most Puissant Josiah H. Drummond, 33°, he issued a brief but comprehensive circular to the bodies of the Rite in the N. M. Jurisdiction, to send immediate aid to the distressed sufferers here, to which most generous response was given.

The Supreme Council expressed unbounded sorrow for our affliction, remitted all dues remaining unpaid to date, and contributed \$1,300 for the relief of the various bodies of the Rite in this city, as follows: \$500 to Oriental Consistory; \$200 to Gourgas Chapter Rose X; and \$300 each to Chicago Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Van Rensselaer Grand Lodge of Perfection.

Equally prompt was the action of Ill.: Bro.: Albert Pike, 33°, Most P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Southern Supreme Council, who issued an Encyclical letter to all the bodies in his jurisdiction, speaking from his great loving soul touching words of appeal and sympathy; contributing of his own limited means \$25 to our relief.

The following is a list of all donations sent by both Jurisdictions:

| N. M. J. | S. M. J. |
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| <i>Cincinnati, Ohio :</i> | |
| Per E. T. Carson, 33°, | \$2,050 00 |
| | Albert Pike, 33°, Sov.: Gr.: C.: |
| <i>Pennsylvania :</i> | |
| Philadelphia bodies, | 250 00 |
| Pottsville, | 68 50 |
| | Burlington bodies, Iowa, per M. E., Gillett, 32°, 100 00 |
| <i>New Hampshire :</i> | |
| C. of Pr.: of J.:, Portsmouth, | 100 00 |
| | <i>Maryland :</i> Sundry subs., Baltimore, 100 00 |
| <i>Indiana :</i> | |
| Adoniram L.: of Per.:, Indianapolis, | 100 00 |
| | <i>Oregon :</i> Portland, per J. C. Ainsworth, 140 28 |
| <i>Michigan :</i> | |
| Detroit bodies, | 50 00 |
| A. J. Kellogg, 33°, All-egan, | 10 00 |
| <i>Connecticut :</i> | |
| Bodies at Norwich, | 50 00 |
| <i>Maine :</i> | |
| Bodies at Portland, | 55 65 |
| | \$2,734 15 |
| Total | \$ 398 98 |
| | \$8,128 18 |

To give you an idea how the bodies in this city, although completely

broken up and paralyzed by the terrible disaster of the 8th of October last, proceeded to the work of re-edification, I copy the minutes of a meeting at my office in the month following :

" A meeting of the Chiefs of the A.: and A.: Rite in Chicago, was held at the office of the Deputy of the District of Illinois, on the 16th day of the Hebrew month Kislev, A. M. 5632, corresponding with the 29th day of November, v. E. 1871, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of taking action in the matter of re-organization of the several bodies of the Rite : there being present :

" Ill.: Bro.: V. L. Hurlbut, 33°, Deputy of Illinois.

" H. C. Ranney, 33°, Com.-in-Chief Oriental Consistory, 32°.

" H. F. Holcomb, 32°, M.: W.: & P.: M.: Gourgas Chap.: Rose C. 18°.

" Jas. Paddock, 32°, M.: E.: S.: P.: G.: M.: Chicago Council Pr.: of Jer.: 16°.

" G. W. Barnard, 32°, T.: P.: Gr.: M.: Van Rensselaer Gr.: L.: Per.: 14°.

" Chas. H. Brower, 33°, D.: P.: Gr.: M.: Van Rensselaer, Gr.: L.: Per.: 14°.

" Ill.: Bro.: V. L.: Hurlbut was appointed Chairman, and Ill.: Bro.: C. H. Brower, Secretary.

" Ill.: Bro.: H. C. Ranney offered the following resolutions, and after a full discussion, they were unanimously adopted :

" Resolved, As the sense of the presiding officers of the A.: and A.: Rite bodies, all being present, that it is most desirable to re-organize the several bodies as soon as possible.

" Resolved, That as soon as we can, we should hold our meetings on the nights of the regular meetings, as provided for by the by-laws.

" Resolved, That in the absence of work at the regular meetings of the several bodies, some brother be requested to prepare a lecture or essay appertaining to the A.: and A.: Rite.

" Resolved, That we recommend to our several bodies the appointment of committees, with power to act, to procure permanent quarters on the "South Side" of the city, and as near our old quarters as possible.

" Resolved, That the Secretary of this meeting furnish to the several bodies of the A.: and A.: Rite of Chicago, a copy of the foregoing resolutions, so that the committees on reconstruction may be appointed, and the work of re-organization go on as speedily as possible.

" CHAS. HOMAN BROWER, 33°, Secretary."

The plan worked well. The Brethren were called together, and essays of decided merit and interest were read by various members of

the bodies, and although the facilities for work were very limited—with no paraphernalia—yet, by a little improvising and no little energy, they were soon in a creditable working condition.

One object I have in reading these resolutions is, to commend to those bodies in this District who may have little work to do, like action, and thereby to not only keep alive, but, if possible, to kindle anew and increase the interest, unity and zeal of the Brethren in the good work, by presenting and keeping before their minds, in perennial freshness, its history, doctrines and morals.

I am glad to inform you that, owing to the loss by fire of all the paraphernalia, books, records, etc., of Carson Consistory, Lively Chapter Rose C., Van Rensselaer Council of Pr.: of Jer.:, and H. A. Johnson Lodge of Per.:, sitting in the Valley of Springfield, their dues to the Supreme Council were, by a unanimous vote, remitted by the Supreme Council.

It also gives me pleasure to report that the resolutions adopted by the last Council of Deliberation, to change certain names, were confirmed by the Supreme Council, to wit: "Occidental" to "Oriental Consistory;" "Illinois" to "Chicago Council of Pr.: of Jer.:" The names of Waukegan Consistory, "Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Princes of Jerusalem" and Lodge of Perfection to "Quincy." The names of "De Kalb Consistory" and "Council of Princes of Jerusalem," to "Freeport;" and the names of "Yates City Consistory," "Chapter Rose Croix" and "Council of Princes of Jerusalem," to "Peoria."

The Committee on Ritual submitted the work for the Perfection or Ineffable Degrees, which was adopted, and ordered to be promulgated to the several Lodges of Per.: throughout the N. M. Juris.: I regret to say that this has not yet been done.

I desire to call your attention to several amendments to the Constitution, by the Supreme Council:

1st. Article 39 of Constitution was amended by striking out the word "affiliated," and adding the words "*in the State of his residence,*" so that Art. 39, as amended, now reads: "*The degrees conferred in a Lodge of Perfection shall not be conferred upon any person unless he is a Master Mason in good standing in the State of his residence.*"

Article 34 was amended, by adding to the ninth line, as follows: "If the Deputy of the Supreme Council should fail to be present at any District meeting, the Ill.: First Lieut.-Commander, or in his absence, the Ill.: Second Lieut.-Commander shall preside, provided an Active member of the Supreme Council be present, in which case the officer presiding shall, forthwith, after the close of such meeting, transmit to the Ill.: Deputy of the State, a full report of all the proceedings of such meeting."

Article 43 was amended by adding after the second clause thereof, the words: "No subordinate body or member of such body shall recognize as a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, any person

whose residence is within the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, who shall hereafter, while so residing, receive the degrees in some other jurisdiction, without having first obtained the consent of the bodies of the Rite having jurisdiction over him, or of the Sov.: Grand Commander of this Supreme Council, or of the Deputy of the State in which he resides."

Article 36, concerning election of officers in Consistories, was amended by striking out the word "on," in the second line of the fourth paragraph, and inserting "*at a stated meeting on or before*."

Article 38, concerning the election of officers in Councils of "Princes of Jerusalem," paragraph third, the fifth line, after the word "held," inserting "*at the stated meeting on or next preceding*."

Article 39, concerning election of officers in Lodges of Perfection, page 21, sixth paragraph, third line, after the word "place," insert "*at a stated meeting on or next preceding*."

The object of these last three amendments is to provide and specify the time for holding the election of officers, when the day prescribed by the Constitution shall fall upon the Sabbath or holidays.

Your invitation to the Supreme Council to hold its next annual session in this city, was most courteously considered, but not accepted, for fear it would burden, or at least embarrass, the brethren already sorely depressed.

During the past year it has been our unpleasant duty to refuse several applications for dispensations for holding conventions for the purpose of conferring all the degrees and orders. Our experience, even when we had but one Consistory in the State, has led us to believe that they are prejudicial to the best interest and dignity of the Rite, as being profitless to the candidate and unsatisfactory to the officers conferring the same; the work amounting to little more than a confused jargon. There is so much to learn that is of interest and beautiful, so many signs, passwords, sacred and grand words, incidents and facts of history which ought to be mastered, or at least firmly impressed upon the mind, that ample time between the several grades should be allowed to enable one to do so. The conferring of all the degrees and orders, in two or three consecutive days and nights, becomes tedious and irksome, and destroys the beauty and sublime impressiveness of which they are susceptible, and ought to be conferred. When sufficient time is given, and the various officers are perfected in their duties and work, the degrees are truly grand and instructive. There is no more propriety in communicating the degrees by obligation, or conferring the same by reading from the ritual, than there would be in the Symbolic or Blue Lodge or the Order of the Temple. Scarcity of working ability, paraphernalia, rooms with the proper accessories, too often necessitates such a procedure, hence *one* very important reason for consolidation. On this question, I repeat the considerations I have heretofore presented, and which I have seen no valid reasons to change, but

which time, events and mature reflection have only strengthened into absolute convictions. In the first place, this consolidation is essential to the *dignity* and *value* of our Rite. It should be rare, and of no easy attainment, to make it prized and honorable. As you make it common it becomes cheap, and ceases to be a badge of distinction and worth. Its privileges should be zealously guarded and made exclusive, and there should be no temptations to open the door of admission, except to those who are qualified by gift and attainment, by unexceptionable character and conduct, by proficiency and fidelity in all subordinate masonic work.

It must be obvious that this exalted character cannot be maintained under our present system of distribution. I am now speaking of Consistories, although the same arguments apply, to a certain extent, to the Chapters. It is difficult, nay, quite impossible, to institute and maintain these bodies in the midst of small populations. There must, of necessity, be an effort made to make the body respectable in numbers, and this will lead to the admission of imperfect material. Besides, it will be next to impossible to obtain the experience and official qualifications essential to effective work. And this leads me to state one other conclusive argument for consolidation. You know that when our degrees are properly conferred they are grand, solemn and impressive; but when partially conferred, by obligation, or by reading from the Ritual, they lose their effectiveness and power. This want of official experience and qualification must be a general and serious defect in small Chapters and Consistories. In small populations, with a limited support, the various bodies in the Rite will be compelled to duplicate their offices, and impose upon the individual too great a burden of memorization, and the result must be defective knowledge and continual resort to the Ritual in conferring degrees. These reasons alone, to my mind, vindicate the wisdom of the Supreme Council in its recommendation. The Council will learn, with unqualified satisfaction, that the recommendation for consolidation of the various bodies of the Rite is daily growing in favor with the Brethren of this District, as they see its spirit and aim, as well as its practical results; and that the example set by the bodies of the Rite in this city is being slowly but surely followed by the bodies of the Rite throughout the District.

I have received official notice that Monmouth Consistory and Monmouth Chapter of Rose Croix have voted to consolidate with Oriental Consistory and Gourgas Chapter of this city. I also received notice, on May 25th, from the Com.-in-Chief of Carson Consistory, that that body had taken like action. But from a communication received within the past two days, I most sincerely regret having to report to you, that, owing to a combination of embarrassments of the bodies in the Valley of Springfield, such as a loss of all their properties, records, paraphernalia, etc., by fire ~~one~~ year ago last February, and the antagonistic attitude of the Templars of that city toward the bodies of the Rite

located there, the Chiefs of the several bodies represent themselves "in no condition to operate them in evident hostility to Templar Masonry. And that it is evident to them that so soon as the first three bodies can collect their dues and pay their debts, they had better cease to exist; that such members as desire their discharge should have leave to take them; and that such as desire to remain members of Carson Consistory, have leave to consolidate with Oriental Consistory," of this city. And they, the Chiefs of these several bodies, "pray the Ill.: Deputy-and Council of Deliberation that such action may be taken as will bring about the results desired and specified, within the coming year."

I very much regret the circumstances that make it seem to them desirable to dissolve or abandon their organizations, for they, being under the control and working of brethren of acknowledged masonic attainments and working ability, and from whom—they having been so long and intimately identified with, and having formerly evinced the greatest zeal for the advancement of the Ancient and Accepted Rite—much was confidently expected. We can ill afford to lose their wise counsel and active co-operation.

I cannot understand why there should be any antagonism between this and any of the York Rites, for there is no conflict of interest or principle. It is a spirit or feeling which should not be allowed to exist for one moment, if the intervention of kindly, persuasive and fraternal arguments can avail, for we are all working to the same end—each working its own way, which leads onward and upward, from darkness to light ineffable. Though we love the York Rite bodies too sincerely to ever be induced to abandon them, still, to our mind the Scottish Rite is the crowning glory of all. While non-affiliation is at all times to be deprecated, yet in view of all the circumstances in this case, I would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, at the same time advising the immediate consolidation of Carson Consistory with Oriental Consistory of this city. The communication is herewith submitted for your consideration.

I indulge the hope that the work of consolidation will not stop until a perfect consolidation is effected, by which most beneficial results will be realized.

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Submitting this brief report, and the recommendations contained therein, to the wise and thoughtful judgment of the Council, I hopefully invite you to whatever legitimate and needful work may lie before you.

Knowing your love for, and your unselfish devotion to, the interests of the Rite, I feel assured that you will work harmoniously; that all questions of difference will be wisely and amicably settled, and that by your timely and deliberate action, you will aid in bringing the approach-

ing and fulfilling hour when the Watchmen shall see eye to eye ; when our walls shall be called Salvation, and our gates Praise.

VINCENT L. HURLBUT.

Document submitted with the address of the Ill.: Deputy :

To the Illustrious Deputy and Council of Deliberation of the A.: and A.: Rite for Illinois, N. M. J.:

The undersigned, Inspector-General, and Chiefs of Carson Consistory, Rensselaer Council, P.: of J.:, H. A. Johnson, G.: L.: of Per.:, and acting Chief of Lively Chapter R. C., situated at Springfield, Illinois, on their own behalf, respectively, and on behalf of the bodies they have the honor to represent, tender grateful acknowledgments to the Ill.: Deputy, for his earnest and effective efforts in the Supreme Council, in their behalf ; and through him they crave leave to tender thanks to the Supreme Council, A.: and A.: Scottish Rite, U. S. A., N. M. J., for remission of dues, and a tender of a renewal of charters, without fee.

None of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Springfield have met for any purpose whatever since the last meeting of your Council, except once, with a bare quorum, to consider our condition, and what should be done, each of the bodies being considered practically open, while sitting in Consistorial capacity.

No degrees have been conferred since the last meeting of your Council, neither have any been conferred upon any candidates since our reports, made two years since, except upon Illustrious Brethren Elijah E. Myers, a distinguished Architect of this city, Philip G. Gillette, P. Com. of Hospitaler Commandery, at Jacksonville, and the accomplished Superintendent of the Illinois State Asylum for the deaf and dumb, and Charles T. Wilbur, who has achieved signal success as Superintendent of the State Institution, at Jacksonville, for the education and benefit of idiots.

And now we desire to represent to you, Ill.: Deputy and brethren, that the charters, records, papers and rituals of our said bodies are destroyed ; that the bodies are in debt, and that at the present time the only inducement for the continuance of the bodies is, to collect the dues, now paid and unpaid, and to pay off the debts due from said bodies.

We desire to represent, further, that the Scottish Rite Bodies are evidently distasteful to the Templar Body in Springfield, and this feeling, we regret to say, is evidently shared by a large majority of the members of these bodies who are also members of the Commandery. It is evident to us that the bodies cannot, for a long time at least, thrive here, and we, the undersigned, are in no condition to operate them in evident hostility to Templar Masonry.

It will be as apparent to you, as it is evident to us, that so soon as the first three bodies can collect their dues and pay their debts, that they had better cease to exist ; that such members as desire their discharges should have leave to take them, and that such as desire to remain mem-

bers of Carson Consistory, have leave to consolidate with Oriental Consistory, in Chicago.

The undersigned do therefore pray the Ill.: Deputy and Council of Deliberation that such action may be taken as will bring about the results herein desired and specified, within the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

H. G. REYNOLDS, *Ins.: -Gen'l*, 33°,

ORLIN H. MINER, 32°,

Sov. Com. Carson Consistory,

ORLIN H. MINER, 32°,

Act. Mas. Lively Chap R. C.,

CHAS. FISHER, 32°,

Mas. Van Rensselaer C. P. of J.,

HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, 33°,

Mas. H. A. Johnson G. L. of Per.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 24, A. L. 5872.

The Committee on Business presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Illustrious Deputy :

Your Committee on Business, to whom was referred the address of the Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, congratulate the Council of Deliberation on the general prosperity of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

They would recommend that so much as refers to the consolidation of Consistories, etc., be referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Rite.

That so much as refers to Dispensations and Work be referred to the Committee on Ritualistic Matters.

That so much as refers to the late disastrous fire, and the contributions from abroad, be referred to a special committee of three, consisting of Ill.: Walter A. Stevens, 33°, Hosmer A. Johnson, 33°, and Robert H. Foss, 33°.

That so much as refers to changes in laws, etc., be referred to the Committee on Regulations.

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| HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°, | } | <i>Committee.</i> |
| NATHAN F. PRENTICE, 32°, | | |
| GEO. THOMPSON, 32°, | | |

The Council then took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

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JUNE 28, 1872.

The Council resumed labor at 3 o'clock P. M. Officers and members as at morning session.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and its recommendations adopted. The proposed amendment to the Constitution being seconded by a majority of the members present, lies over until the next session of this Council of Deliberation.

To Ill.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33^o, S.: G.: I.: G.:, Com.-in-Chief of
Illinois Council of Deliberation:

The Finance Committee of this body beg to report that they find the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer correct.

They also find on the books of this body dues charged to Quincy Consistory and co-ordinate bodies, at Quincy, to the amount of \$32.50, for the year ending with the last Council of Deliberation. These dues Quincy Consistory and co-ordinate bodies do not consider as legal or binding, under the law, but as an act of courtesy, will immediately remit the amount. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the representatives from these bodies be entitled to seats in this Council.

Your committee find claims against this Council, to wit:

Total \$180 00

To meet these claims, and to furnish a sufficient revenue for the wants of this Council, your committee recommend that in addition to the revenue provided for by Article II. of the Constitution of this body, each and every member of the Rite in this jurisdiction, liable for dues, be this day assessed the sum of twenty-five cents (25c.), to be collected immediately, as other dues, by the several Consistories, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Your committee further recommend and propose an amendment to the Constitution of this Council, so far as relates to Article II, so that it shall read:

"The revenue of this Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources: The various bodies shall pay into the Treasury the sum of fifty cents (50c.) for each initiate from each body: also twenty-five cents (25c.) from each contributing member of each Consistory liable for dues, which dues shall be transmitted to the Ill.: Deputy, with the annual returns for the Supreme Council.

T. T. GURNEY, 33°,
A. W. BLAKESLY, 32°,
WARREN G. PURDY, 33°, } Committee.

GILBERT R. SMITH, Grand Secretary,

In Account with Illinois Council of Deliberation.

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| Aug. 14, '71. To Cash, Freeport bodies, assessments and dues..... | \$51.00 |
| Aug. 21, '71. To Cash, Peoria bodies, assessment | 20.00 |
| " 26, '71. To Cash, Quincy bodies, assessment..... | 20.00 |
| Dec. 26, '71. To Cash, Monmouth bodies, assessment.. | 20.00 |
| April 26, '72. To Cash, Chicago bodies, assessment and dues | 50.00 |
| Total. | \$161.00 |

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| By Cash for Stationery and Postage..... | \$ 10.30 |
| By Cash paid Grand Treasurer..... | 150.70 |
| | <hr/> \$161.00 |

The Committee on Balustre reported progress and asked further time, which was granted.

The Committee on Ritualistic Matters presented the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Blakesly, was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Ritualistic matters would report that they have carefully examined the address of the Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, and are glad to learn that the Supreme Council have agreed upon a Ritual for the Lodge of P., and regret the delay in not furnishing the subordinates with them before this. Certainly eight months is a long time to delay so important a matter. We cordially approve the suggestions of the Com.-in-Chief, regarding the conferring of the Sublime Degrees, Grades and Orders, by obligation or in convention, and think the best interests of the Rite can only be served by a conservative and slow advance through the several bodies; the candidate being in a better position to realize their beauties, and at the same time retaining a greater knowledge of the Ritual. We also agree with him, that the absence of a Ritual in the hands of the officers, would add greatly to the solemnity of the reception.

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| J. H. PADDOCK, 33° . | } |
| L. R. JEROME, 32° , | |
| M. D. CHAMBERLIN, 32° , | |
| H. F. HOLCOMB, 32° , | |
| S. E. SEGER, 32° , | |

Committee.

The Committee on the Condition of the Rite presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted :

To the Ill.: Deputy and Council of Deliberation for the District of Illinois :

Your Committee on the Condition of the Rite beg leave to report that from the various reports in relation to the advancement of the A.: and A.: Rite, it is progressing in a manner which will eventually advance the Rite to a standing where most of its lovers desire to see it; and would recommend that the Ill.: Brethren take into serious consideration the recommendations of the Ill.: Deputy, and use every effort to promote the Rite and its best interests.

We concur with the Ill.: Deputy, that, in places where bodies are not working, and have not sufficient material to sustain themselves, it would be wise for them to consolidate, and to the advancement of the A.: and A.: Rite. So much of the Ill.: Deputy's report as refers to dispensations, the committee coincide fully with the convictions of the Ill.: Deputy, and that all should make every effort, by application to

every part, that the working of each degree should be made to bring out its beauty, and that the holding of conventions for conferring the grade, from the 4th to the 32d, within a few days, is not conducive to the good of the A.: and A.: Rite.

So much of the report of the Ill.: Deputy, and the communication from the Ill.: Brethren in the Valley of Springfield, would beg leave to report that they consider that it belongs wholly to the powers of the Ill.: Deputy and the bodies with whom they wish to unite.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| W. A. STEVENS, 33°, | } |
| L. L. MUNN, 33°, | |
| G. W. BARNARD, 32°, | |
| WM. M. AVISE, 32°, | |
| ORLIN H. MINER, 32°, | |
| W. A. WARNER, 32°, | |

Committee.

D. D. DUNKLE, 32°,

Ill.: Walter A. Stevens, 33°, presented the following amendments to the Constitution, which, being seconded by a majority of the members present, will be presented for adoption or rejection at the next session of this Council:

"1st. Amend Article III, by striking out the 4th line, viz: '2. The Ill.: Deputy Commander.'"

"2d. Amend Article V: strike out all after the words 'as its Commander-in-Chief.'"

"3d. Amend Article VI, by striking out the words 'The Deputy Grand Commander.'"

"4th. Amend Article VII: strike out all after the words 'Ill.: Commander-in-Chief.'"

Ill.: Henry C. Ranney, 33°, presented the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, As the sense of this Council of Deliberation, that it would be very desirable for the re-establishment of the Sov.: Grand Consistory for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S., and that the Deputy and active members of this District be requested to confer with the representatives from Ohio, and use their efforts to bring about that end, and restore the ancient prerogative of this body.

Ill.: Hosmer A. Johnson, 33°, on behalf of the Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Ill.: Deputy's address relating to the late disastrous fire, presented the following report, which, on motion of Ill.: Gilbert W. Barnard, 32°, was received, and the resolution adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief as relates to masonic relief for sufferers by the fire of October 8 and 9, 1871, respectfully beg leave to report:

That they have carefully read the paragraph of the address, and

they can imagine no more fitting words in which to express, on the one hand, our sense of the unparalleled calamity that so swiftly destroyed us; or, on the other, our recognition of the almost divine wonder accomplished by the inspiration of that sweetest, purest and strongest of masonic as well as Christian graces, Charity.

The fund of which the masonic fraternity here has been made the special Almoner, has been liberal; but that a much larger fund amounting to nearly four and one-half millions of dollars, contributed from all lands, from the worshippers at many altars, and coming to our people with kind words, in many tongues, is no less truly, in the widest and best sense of that term, a masonic offering—a pledge of the universality of the great central thought of our Order, of the Brotherhood of man through the Fatherhood of God.

Your committee recommend that this portion of the address, together with a list of the contributions, be published with the proceedings of the Council, and that a copy be forwarded to the Ill.: Chiefs of the Northern and Southern Supreme Grand Councils, and to such other bodies and individuals as have contributed to the fund.

Your committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the masons of the A. and A. Rite of Illinois, profoundly moved by the liberal and timely aid extended by the universal world, to the stricken people of our chief city—the largest and richest of all the gifts recorded in human history—do hereby recognize in the inspiration of this grand work, the Providential intervention of our Supreme Grand Master, and in the agencies of this relief, over the whole face of the habitable earth, a most conclusive evidence that the truths and principles of masonry, so widely spread and deeply rooted—restricted neither to race, nor color, nor creed—are in accord with the best instincts and noblest sentiments of our human nature, as well as the Divine light emanating from our sacred altars.

W. A. STEVENS, 33°,
H. A. JOHNSON, 33°, } Committee.
ROBERT H. FOSS, 33°,

CHICAGO, Ill., July 28, 1872.

Ill.: Henry C. Ranney, 33°, moved that a committee of one from each Consistory be appointed to nominate officers of this Council for the coming year, which was adopted, and the Ill.: Com.-in-Chief appointed the following brethren as such committee: Ill.: Henry C. Ranney, 33°, W. M. Avise, 32°, Nathan F. Prentice, 32°, L. R. Jerome, 32°, and David D. Dunkle, 32°.

Ill.: Orlin H. Miner, 32°, on behalf of the Committee on Regulations, stated that the action of the Finance Committee having anticipated their views, and covered the ground, they had no report to make.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted :

To the Ill.: Deputy:

Your committee would recommend the following Illustrious Brethren as candidates for officers of Illinois Council of Deliberation for the ensuing year :

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| <i>For First Lieut.-Commander,</i> | Ill.: HOSMER A. JOHNSON, 33°. |
| " <i>Second Lieut.-Commander,</i> | " LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°. |
| " <i>Minister of State and Gr.: Orator,</i> | " ORLIN H. MINER, 32°. |
| " <i>Grand Chancellor,</i> | " WM M. AVISE, 32°. |
| " <i>Gr.: Architect and Engineer,</i> | " J. VAN DEGRIFF, 32°. |
| " <i>Gr.: Hospitaller,</i> | " S. E. SEGER, 32°. |
| " <i>Gr.: Standard-Bearer,</i> | " M. D. CHAMBERLAIN, 32°. |
| " <i>Gr.: Capt.: of the Guard,</i> | " WM. A. WARREN, 32°. |

Fraternally submitted,

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| HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°, | Committee. |
| W. M. AVISE, 32°, | |
| NATHAN F. PRENTICE, 32°, | |
| L. R. JEROME, 32°, DAVID D. DUNKLE, 32°, | |

On motion of Ill.: Theodore T. Gurney, 33°, the Ill.: Deputy was authorized to cast one ballot for the officers of this Council of Deliberation, as named in the report of the Committee on Nominations.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed Ill.: T. T. Gurney, 33°, teller, when the Illustrious Brethren whose names were reported by the Committee, were unanimously elected to the respective offices for which they had been nominated, and so declared.

Ill.: M. D. Chamberlin, 32°, presented the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, Cleveland Lodge, A. F. & A. M., have generously tendered us the use of their magnificent hall and parlors, for this Council of Deliberation ; therefore—

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the said lodge, for the courtesy extended to us on this occasion.

On motion of Ill.: Warren G. Purdy, 33°, the Grand Secretary was empowered to pay the expenses incurred at this session of the Council of Deliberation.

On motion of Ill.: Theo. T. Gurney, 33°, the Grand Secretary was instructed to publish 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this Council of Deliberation, under the supervision and direction of the Ill.: Deputy.

The Ill.: Deputy then appointed the following officers, as provided by Article III of the Constitution, for the ensuing year:

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| Ill.: WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°. | <i>Dep.: Gr.: Commander.</i> |
| " HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°, | <i>Grand Prior.</i> |
| " EUGENE B. MYERS, 33°, | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " GILBERT R. SMITH, 33°, | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " WARREN G. PURDY, 33°, | <i>Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| " GEORGE THOMPSON, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Sentinel.</i> |

On motion of Ill.: Theodore Tuthill Gurney, 33°, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to furnish each Consistory their quota of the printed proceedings, as soon as published.

Illinois Council of Deliberation was then closed in form, by the Illustrious Deputy.

VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°,

Deputy for Illinois.

Attest,

GILBERT R. SMITH, 33°,
Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

[None held.]

WISCONSIN.

[See Report of Deputy, *ante* p. 108.]

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

| | Consistories | Members. | Chapters. | Members. | Councils. | Members. | Lodges. | Members. |
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| Maine..... | 1 | 70 | 1 | 123 | 1 | 188 | 1 | 147 |
| New Hampshire..... | 1 | 176 | 2 | 173 | 2 | 181 | 2 | 178 |
| Vermont..... | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 1 | 11 |
| Massachusetts..... | 1 | 602 | 3 | 392 | 4 | 487 | 6 | 780 |
| Rhode Island..... | 2 | 137 | 2 | 140 | 2 | 140 | 2 | 145 |
| Connecticut..... | 2 | 79 | 2 | 82 | 2 | 82 | 3 | 176 |
| New York..... | 7 | 822 | 8 | 737 | 9 | 798 | 10 | 990 |
| New Jersey..... | 1 | 135 | 4 | 150 | 4 | 179 | 5 | 275 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 4 | 42 | 4 | 409 | 4 | 451 | 5 | 528 |
| Ohio..... | 1 | 340 | 2 | 350 | 3 | 399 | 3 | 430 |
| Indiana..... | 3 | 236 | 3 | 248 | 3 | 295 | 3 | 389 |
| Illinois..... | 6 | 768 | 6 | 764 | 6 | 777 | 6 | 806 |
| Michigan..... | 2 | 238 | 3 | 232 | 4 | 283 | 5 | 315 |
| Wisconsin..... | 1 | 83 | 2 | 87 | 2 | 87 | 2 | 89 |
| Total..... | 32 | 4088 | 42 | 3887 | 46 | 4297 | 54 | 5259 |

In consequence of the rules which formerly existed, limiting the number of members in a subordinate body, there are in the jurisdiction a large number of unaffiliated members of the Rite.

Bodies not making returns (with a single exception) are not included in the foregoing table.

TABLEAU
OF
THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGN GRAND
INSPECTORS-GENERAL
OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE,
FOR
THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
GRAND EAST, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

1872-1873.

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| CLINTON FREEMAN PAIGE, | <i>Gr. Min. of State.</i> |
| HEMAN ELY, | <i>Gr. Treas. Gen.</i> |
| DANIEL SICKELS, | <i>Gr. Sec. Gen.</i> |
| NATHANIEL BRADSTREET SHUTTLEFF, | <i>Gr. K. of Archives.</i> |
| ELBRIDGE GARY HAMILTON, | <i>Gr. Mas. Gen. of C.</i> |
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| SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, | <i>Gr. Capt. of Guards.</i> |

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| OTIS COLE, | <i>Marshal of the Camp.</i> |
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| MARQUIS F. KING, | " " " |

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| SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, | Boston, | " Massachusetts. |
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| CHARLES WILLIAM CARTER, | Norwich, | " Connecticut. |

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| Joseph C. Butler, " | Flavius Josephus Phillips, George- |
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| George Hoadley, " | Bellamy Storer, " |
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- III. DOMINGO F. SARMIENTO, 33°, Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, and President of the Argentine Republic; Orient of Buenos Ayres.
- III. JOHN MCCOLL, 33°, Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, of Uruguay; Orient of Montevideo.

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SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, OF BRAZIL.

[It was announced at the session of the Supreme Council, that the two bodies in Brazil had united; since the close of the session, information has been received of another schism and the separation of the united body into two, each claiming to be regular; and since it is impossible to pronounce at once intelligently upon the merits of either body, the tableau of each is omitted from this list.]

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In accordance with action had at the last annual session in the City of New York, and in pursuance of summons issued, the SUPREME COUNCIL assembled at the Hall of Oriental Lodge, in the City of Chicago, on the twenty-first day of the Hebrew month Khesvan, A.: M.: 5634, answering to Tuesday, the eleventh day of November, 1873, v.: e.:

ORIENTAL CONSISTORY, of Chicago, in full uniform, under the command of Ill.: THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, met the officers and members of the SUPREME COUNCIL at their headquarters at the Palmer House, and escorted them to the Hall of Oriental Lodge.

On arriving at the Hall, Ill.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°,

Deputy for Illinois, in behalf of the Brethren of the Rite for that District, welcomed the SUPREME COUNCIL to Chicago, as follows:

MOST PUSSANT SIR, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL:—We have no wish to welcome you with any novel form of greeting. The old phrases can never be improved when they bear the impress of the warm coinage of the heart. It has been the honor and the privilege of my life, to associate with you in social relation as well as in the work of our high vocation, and your uniform courtesy and hospitality have made myself and brethren large but grateful debtors. I well know that the acts of good fellowship, which are the unstudied products of noble and generous instincts, in being free and spontaneous, create no obligation, and to speak of repaying is to tarnish the bright gold by the touch of a sordid calculation.

Most Puissant Sir, the Ill. Brethren from all the Valleys of the District of Illinois, unite with me in bidding you a most cordial welcome here. We feel no shame for the incompleteness of the accommodations we offer you. You can see our purpose in the plans we are steadily carrying forward to completion, and we must be allowed the weakness of a local pride as we welcome you to this city and bid you look upon the re-creation which has followed a great historic calamity. You will generously estimate us not for what we do, but for the spirit of sincere good will which pervades us.

Again we welcome you, with the assurance that we will do all in our power to make this session of the Supreme Council profitable to ourselves personally, and to the high aims that have called us together; while we hope so to strengthen the ties of companionship that when you go home, the parting word will be spoken with regret, and that you will bear in your hearts to your various and distinguished spheres of labor a new and tender recollection.

The Grand Commander responded :

ILLUSTRIOS DEPUTY:—In behalf of the Supreme Council, I thank the Brethren of Chicago, and especially you, sir, and the Sublime Princes of Oriental Consistory, for the high compliment you have paid us in your escort, and the warm welcome you have extended to us. We see in them another evidence of the interest and zeal for the Rite, for which they have ever been so distinguished.

You need no apology, sir, for any incompleteness of accommodations. Those of us, who now visit your city for the first time since its great calamity, are overwhelmed in amazement at the marvelous work that your people have accomplished. We had heard, with some degree of incredulity, of the vast progress that had been made in re-building; but we find that for once, the actual fact far exceeds its report. The courage, labor and energy of your citizens will be as historic as the calamity which called forth their efforts.

And I have no fears in assuring you in advance that our more intimate acquaintance with the Brethren of this Valley will be a source of great pleasure to us, and that when we are called to leave you we shall part with regret, and shall ever remember this meeting as one of the memorable events of our lives.

The escort was then dismissed, and the SUPREME COUNCIL was opened in due form at high twelve, Ill.: CHARLES H. TITUS, Grand Prior, invoking the Divine blessing.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, | <i>M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander.</i> |
| " ENOCH T. CARSON, | <i>P.: Gr.: Lt.-Commander.</i> |
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| " DANIEL SICKELS, | <i>Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:</i> |
| " JOHN CHRISTIE, | <i>as Gr.: Keeper of the Archives.</i> |
| " ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON, | <i>Gr.: Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| " HOMER STANLEY GOODWIN, | <i>Gr.: Marshal General.</i> |
| " ROBERT H. FOSS, | <i>Gr.: Standard Bearer.</i> |
| " SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, | <i>Gr.: Captain of Guards.</i> |
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| " CHARLES H. TITUS, | <i>Gr.: Prior.</i> |
| " OTIS COLE, | <i>Gr.: Marshal of the Camp.</i> |
| " MARQUIS F. KING, | " " " |

The roll of Active and Emeritus Members was called; and there were present as follows:

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| " DANIEL SICKELS, | " ALBERT G. GOODALL, |
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| " RICHARD M. BARKER | " WILLIAM R. HIGBY, |
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EMERITUS MEMBERS.

JOHN W. SIMONS,

GEO. W. DEERING.

There were present also the following

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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| Ill.: KENT JARVIS, | Ill.: HORATIO N. HURLBUT, |
| " ALBERT P. MORIARTY, | " MELVIN L. YOUNGS, |
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| " JAMES V. Z. BLANEY, | " EUGENE B. MYERS. |

The Grand Commander appointed Bro.: JOHN P. FERNs, 32°, of Chicago, Seneschal for the session.

The Grand Commander read letters from Ill.: Bros. WILLIAM P. PREBLE, of Maine; THOMAS A. DOYLE, of R. I.; JOHN H. GEORGE, of N. H.; CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, WILLIAM S. GARDNER and BENJAMIN DEAN, of Mass.; announcing their inability to attend this session, which were received and the above named Ill.: Brethren severally excused.

The Grand Commander also read a letter from Mrs. GEORGE W. BENTLEY, stating that Ill.: Bro.: BENTLEY was very ill, and consequently unable to attend this session. On motion of Bro.: STOCKER, Bro.: BENTLEY was excused.

Bro.: GOODALL stated that Bro.: R. M. C. GRAHAM, of New York, would not be able to attend this session, and on motion Bro.: GRAHAM was excused.

On motion of Bro.: STOCKER, the reading of minutes of last session was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed.

The Grand Commander then delivered his annual address, as follows:

ILLUSTRIOS BRETHREN:—During the year that has passed since we last assembled in Supreme Council, the sustaining hand of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe has been about and around us; no one of our number has fallen by the way; and it was our first duty to unite with our Grand Prior, not merely in *lip-service* but with words inspired by the emotions of *grateful hearts*, in adorations and thanksgivings to Him, who has continually preserved us, sustained us, and blessed us.

Meeting to-day for the first time in this Empire City of the West, we cannot forget that scarcely two years ago a calamity, unsurpassed in the history of our times, fell upon her with the suddenness of the stroke of the lightning; the pain that thrilled us as we received the tidings has scarcely died away; and yet we find to-day a new city, literally sprung from ashes, surpassing in magnificence the glory of the former. History will record that the magnitude of the calamity has been surpassed in the manner and rapidity in which that calamity has been repaired; and in the extent to which the hearts of the people of the world were opened in charity.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Dispensation for a Lodge of Perfection, at Newburgh, New York, and charters for

New Brunswick Lodge of Perfection, at New Brunswick, New Jersey;

Fort Winnebago Lodge of Perfection, at Portage, Wisconsin;

Fort Winnebago Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Portage, Wisconsin;

Fort Winnebago Chapter of Rose Croix, at Portage, Wisconsin; and
Templar Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at New York City, granted
by the Supreme Council at its last session, have been issued.

I have also issued dispensations as follows:

For Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, at Paterson, New Jersey, November 20, 1872;

For Adoniram Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Paterson, New Jersey, March 8, 1873;

For Adoniram Chapter of Rose Croix, at Paterson, New Jersey, March 8, 1873;

For Germania Lodge of Perfection, at Rochester, New York, June 2, 1873;

For Joseph W. Roby Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Burlington, Vermont, July 5, 1873;

For Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, at Burlington, Vermont, July 5, 1873;

For Vermont Consistory, at Burlington, Vermont, July 5, 1873;

For Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, at Troy, New York, September 18, 1873;

For Delta Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Troy, New York, September 18, 1873; and

For E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, at New Haven, Connecticut, September 23, 1872.

The Council of Deliberation for New Jersey recommends that charters be granted to the bodies U. D. in that State; and I concur in the recommendation, having made full inquiry, and being satisfied that the bodies will be active and efficient.

I recommend that the dispensations to the other Lodges of Perfection, issued during the year, be continued, the bodies not having worked under them six months.

The New York Council of Deliberation recommends that charters be granted to Ya-nun-da-sis Lodge of Perfection, at Utica, New York, and Adonai Lodge of Perfection, at Newburgh, New York; the dispensations to the other Bodies at Troy having been issued since the session of the Council of Deliberation, charters should not be granted at present, and I recommend that the dispensations be continued.

In regard to the Bodies in Vermont, a question may arise in relation to the power of the Supreme Council. By Article 85 of the Constitution, no charter shall be granted without the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation, except by unanimous vote of the Supreme Council. The State of Vermont has been placed under the charge of the Deputy for New Hampshire, but I do not understand that it forms a part of that "District." If it does, the provision of the Constitution I have quoted applies, and no charters can be granted without a unanimous vote, as no Council of Deliberation has been held during the year in that District. I deem it of great importance that charters should be issued to the Chapter and Council, and, holding as I do that the constitutional provision is not applicable, I earnestly recommend that charters be granted; and, if the Supreme Council shall decide otherwise as to the construction of the Constitution, I trust that such decision will not affect the result, but that you will unanimously order the charters to issue.

I do not recommend that a charter be granted to the Consistory at this session. The organization of a Consistory is one of our most important acts; especially is this so under our present policy of having but one in any except the larger States of our jurisdiction. In any case, the body should work under dispensation at least one year, in order that we may be sure that we are right in our action. It must necessarily happen that the dispensation is granted to comparatively few, some of whom cannot give to the matter the necessary time and attention. It was so in this case; but a sufficient number of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret have been created to form the nucleus of a vigorous, active and prosperous body. After a full and careful examination of all the circumstances, I come, without hesitation, to the conclusion, that it is for the interests of the Rite to *renew* the dispensation to such of the Sub-

lime Princes in that jurisdiction, as shall join in a petition therefor, with such principal officers as shall be designated by the Grand Commander.

The charter of Harmony Lodge of Perfection, at Lynn, Mass., the surrender of which was last year accepted, has been cancelled and placed in the Archives.

In the matter of Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection, at Manchester, N. H., referred to me last year (Proc. of 1872, p. 81), I have taken no action. The Council of Deliberation, in 1872, recommended that this lodge surrender "its charter, dispensation or authority," and that the Deputy be requested to present the matter to the Supreme Council and have the name of the lodge struck from the roll. This motion was made by a member of the lodge, as shown by the previous returns. The language of the motion implies that it was doubtful whether the lodge had any charter. Grand Commander VAN RENNELAER granted a dispensation to this lodge in 1862, under which it worked. No charter was ever specifically granted to it, but in 1863, the Grand Commander was empowered to issue charters to all bodies under dispensation. When the Masonic Hall in Boston was burned, all the blank charters were destroyed, and none were issued for some years. It was held that the *grant* of the charter was the authority, and the charter itself the mere evidence of the grant. Bodies were accordingly allowed to work without the actual issuing of a charter; and no charter was issued to this lodge, although, under the vote to which I have referred, the Grand Commander ordered one to issue. The lodge worked and made returns, was recognized as a chartered lodge, and was represented in Grand Consistory. But it has made no returns since 1868, and probably has not met for several years. In 1870, the Council for Deliberation recommended that it be removed to Keene, but no action in relation to it was taken by the Supreme Council, although the Deputy evidently understood that it was so removed, for in his Report in 1871 he so states. But he says that the lodge never had a charter, although one had been voted to it, and he urgently recommended that a charter be issued to Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection, at Keene. The Committee to which this Report was referred reported in favor of this recommendation, and their report was adopted. This last action, founded, as it was, upon the Report of the Deputy, was equivalent to removing the lodge to Keene, and ordering a charter to issue as formerly voted. But the charter never has issued or been called for; and I recommend that all votes now in force in relation to this matter be rescinded, the authority for holding a Lodge of Perfection at either Manchester or Keene be revoked, and the members of Winslow Lewis Lodge be allowed to affiliate elsewhere; so that if a lodge shall be needed at either place, the Brethren may proceed in the usual manner in obtaining one.

Richmond Consistory, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Princes of

Jerusalem, and Lodge of Perfection, all located at Richmond, Indiana, have paid up their arrears of dues and voted to surrender their charters, and I recommend that the surrender be accepted, although I had hoped that at least the lodge would continue to work.

Cambridge Lodge of Perfection, Cambridge, Indiana, has made no reports for 1870, '71, '72, '73; Anderson Lodge of Perfection, Anderson, Indiana, has made no returns for 1871, '72 or '73; Hamilton Lodge of Perfection and Logan Council P. of J., have not made returns for 1871, '72 or '73; and I recommend that the charters be revoked, unless satisfactory reasons are shown to the Supreme Council for continuing them.

The Deputy for Indiana reports the four bodies at Lafayette as delinquent for 1871, '72 and '73, but I find them credited with making returns and paying dues in 1871.

The four bodies at Terre Haute, Indiana, have paid no dues for 1871, '72 or '73; unless some explanation is given these charters should be revoked.

In Illinois, Monmouth Chapter and Consistory have consolidated with Gourgas Chapter and Oriental Consistory, at Chicago. The Bodies at Springfield have never recovered from the disastrous effect of the fire which destroyed their charters and their properties. They have held no meetings of late, and have taken no action in relation to their condition; but, two of their members, in their character as Inspectors-General, sent a communication to the Council of Deliberation, which that Body has referred to the Supreme Council. A copy accompanies the Report of the Deputy, and I commend it to your favorable attention, with the suggestion that, whatever is authorized to be done, should be done under the supervision and control of the Deputy for that District.

In Michigan, of the Bodies last year reported delinquent, those at Jackson have made returns and paid their dues; Zion Lodge of Perfection, Darius Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Mount Calvary Chapter, Adrian, have surrendered their charters, and their members have united with the bodies at Detroit; I recommend that the surrender be accepted; the Bodies at Grand Rapids have done work during the year, but had made no returns when the Deputy forwarded his report.

In New York, the charters of La Fraternidad and Lafayette Chapters of Rose Croix, and Garibaldi Council of Princes of Jerusalem, in New York City, have been recalled and cancelled under the resolution reported by the Finance Committee and adopted by the Supreme Council last year.

The New York Council of Deliberation at its last session recommended that the charters of Auburn Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Auburn, Jerusalem Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Penn Yan, and Penn Yan Lodge of Perfection, at Penn Yan, be declared forfeited

and revoked, they not having done work, made returns or paid dues for many years ; and I concur in the recommendation.

The other Bodies in New York, reported delinquent last year, have paid their dues in whole or in part (including arrears), and there is no occasion for further action in relation to them.

The foregoing list comprises all the Bodies that are two years in arrears of returns and dues. We have yet, in my opinion, too many Bodies in some of the jurisdictions ; but we must let time show this ; although I hope that our Deputies will continue to urge the consolidation of Bodies that are evidently not likely to be self-sustaining.

CONDITION OF THE RITE.

I have the pleasure to report the general prevalence of harmony and a high degree of prosperity. The amount of work done during the year is large. But the surer evidence of prosperity is the advance that has been made in fitting up and furnishing halls, and in working the degrees. The troubles before the union left many legacies after they themselves had passed away. Among them were the results of communicating the degrees by the wholesale, without instruction, and all at once. We had a vast number of brethren who were of us and yet knew absolutely nothing of the degrees, and, therefore, had no interest in them ; candidates who knew how rapidly those who had gone before them had received the degrees, were impatient at delay, and could not understand why they should not be advanced with equal rapidity. Officers of Bodies knew that their predecessors never pretended to learn the ritual, and seemed disposed to accept the idea, that really it was not the expectation that the degrees should be worked. Bodies existed upon paper, and scarcely in any other manner. To remedy these evils was the work of time, and I am happy to announce that such progress has been made that Bodies, which cannot or will not work, surrender their charters ; officers, who do not qualify themselves for their positions, give place to others ; our members expect the degrees to be conferred, and do not countenance the communicating of the degree for the name of doing work ; and candidates expect to learn something and take time to do it before advancing further. The result is an increase of interest within and without ; in fact, my observation shows that the interest is just in proportion to the excellence of the work.

I have had occasion to have personal knowledge in relation to some jurisdictions, and I shall not be deemed invidious by mentioning those. I have no doubt the same is true of the others.

In Maine, the Halls have been fitted up for work in all the Bodies : and degrees in them all are conferred in a manner highly creditable to the officers.

In Vermont, until the present year, the Rite has had a merely nominal existence. By good fortune, the Lodge of Perfection at Burlington, called to its head Bro.: GEORGE O. TYLER. He infused life into the

Body, and at once it began to work. The result is that over fifty initiates have been received, Bodies of the other grades organized, and the Rite placed on a firm foundation in that State. It had great difficulties to contend with there; no one knew the work; the masons generally had little or no knowledge of the Rite; an expelled mason of the Rite had organized clandestine Bodies in which the degrees were given for a song, and the thirty-third grade (as he pretended) was given lavishly; leading masons of the York Rite had become his dupes; and the working of our degrees, at first, seemed to threaten to disturb the harmony of the craft. But the prudence of our Brethren has overcome these difficulties and the Rite is in a prosperous condition. In this connection, I call the attention of the Supreme Council to the fact that Vermont has no Deputy resident in the State. I do not recommend the election of a Deputy of the Supreme Council for the State, but that the Grand Commander be authorized to appoint an Inspector-General, or if necessary a Sublime Prince, as a special Deputy in that jurisdiction. I believe it would tend greatly to promote the interests of the Rite to have some one resident in that State, who should be the immediate representative of the Supreme Council, through whom the Brethren might communicate directly with us.

In Massachusetts, great progress has been made in many respects; but I specially commend the efforts which have been made to affiliate the Brethren who are not members of any Body. Great credit is due to Bro.: LAWRENCE, the Ill.: Deputy of that District.

In New Jersey, the Bodies are in fine condition, and the interest in the Rite is nowhere greater. The degrees are worked with the proper paraphernalia, in halls specially fitted up for the purpose.

In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Brethren have furnished apartments not surpassed for convenience and completeness in the whole jurisdiction.

Oriental Consistory, in this city, has adopted a uniform, and a large number of its members have provided themselves with it, as you have already seen.

Thus is seen, in all parts of the jurisdiction of which I have personal knowledge, tangible evidence of prosperity. And as I have already remarked, I have no doubt I should have found the same evidence in the other portions, had I been able to visit them.

There is one caution, which my observation makes it my duty to give. The tendency of the age seems to be towards intemperance in all things. The patient waiting of our fathers has given place to a restless activity. We "learn to labor," but not "to wait." We are thus led into extravagance and excess, even in our pleasures. Social festivities are liable to degenerate into debaucheries, and moderation into intoxication. Of all men, masons of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite should shun these vices; if they do not, we must by persuasion, by remonstrance, and if necessary, by discipline, purify our Bodies of those who

thus disgrace themselves and the Rite. And especially it is not to be endured, that men high in official station should be thus guilty and go unpunished. If the subordinate Bodies fail in their duty in this regard, this Supreme Council must exercise its high prerogatives and itself discipline the offenders.

In this connection, I would state that I have been officially notified of the expulsion of Abraham G. Levy, 33°, of New York City, by the Lodge of the York Rite of which he was a member. Loss of all rights and privileges as a mason of our Rite follows as a matter of course; and his name must be dropped from the rolls of all Bodies of which he was a member. Orders will be issued to that effect unless you otherwise determine.

COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION.

Councils of Deliberation have been held during the year in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The New Jersey Council of Deliberation adopted a resolution in relation to the rituals, which I command to your attention.

The Councils of Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey recommend that the dues for initiates in Councils of Princes of Jerusalem be reduced to two dollars. It has seemed to me that these dues are not in proportion to the fees.

The Council of New York recommends that the Supreme Council prescribe a form of ritual for installation of officers of Councils of Deliberation, and suitable jewels to be worn by them.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

I have received the Reports of the Deputies for Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, New Hampshire and Wisconsin; and they, together with the Proceedings of Councils of Deliberation, are herewith submitted.

It will be seen that several of our Inspectors-General, Honorary Members of this Supreme Council, have crossed the dark river and entered upon the life beyond.

Among them are Ill.: Brothers

RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, 33°,

JONATHAN T. SPAULDING, 33°,

FREDERIC H. DORR, 33°,

and SAMUEL J. M. HOMER, 33°, of Massachusetts;

NATHAN F. PRENTICE, 33°,

and GEORGE W. PATTEE, 33°, of Illinois;

and FRANCIS DABROW, 33°, of Michigan.

DECISIONS.

I have given the usual number of decisions during the year, but none of sufficient importance to report, save one which I made public in the following terms:

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°, A. A. S. RITE.

FOR THE NORTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE U. S.:

ORIENT OF BOSTON, MASS.

OFFICE OF THE M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: COMMANDER,

PORLAND, ME., Feb. 1, 1873.

I am called upon to determine what are the powers, etc., of an active or honorary member of one Supreme Council, who has permanently or temporarily removed into the jurisdiction of another Supreme Council.

The thirty-third grade is an *official* grade. The supreme authority, or Grand Mastership, of the Rite is vested in the Supreme Council, the members of which are the peers of each other and to all intents and purposes *officers*. It is one of the inherent characteristics of an office, that it is *local*: that is to say, that its possessor can exercise no authority, *as such officer*, outside of his own territorial jurisdiction.

The Grand Constitutions of the Rite recognize the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction and the principle that an officer who permanently removes from his jurisdiction vacates his office.

Section II, of Article III, of the Constitutions of 1786, is as follows: "If the former of these officers die, resign, or remove from the place without the intention of returning, the latter shall succeed to his office, and shall thereupon appoint another Grand Inspector to fill his own place thus vacated."

Section III of same Article provides that "If such second officer resign, die, or permanently remove, the first officer shall fill the vacancy so occurring."

By Article IX: "In a country under the jurisdiction of a Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, which has been duly constituted, and is recognized by all the other Councils, no Sovereign Grand Inspector-General or Deputy Inspector-General can exercise his individual powers, unless he shall have been recognized and confirmed by such Supreme Council."

By Article XVII: "It requires a majority of votes to invest with legal authority the acts of individual Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, done in a jurisdiction where there exists a Supreme Council of the 33d degree, duly constituted and recognized. Wherefore, in whatever region or territory is of the dependencies of such a Council, no such Inspector can individually exercise any power, unless he has first obtained authority from such Supreme Council; or, if he belong to

another jurisdiction, until he has been empowered by that authorization, which from its phraseology is termed an *exequatur*."

These provisions clearly limit the powers, etc., of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General to the territorial jurisdiction in which their Supreme Council is located, and of which they are permanent residents.

And I decide:

1. An active member of a Supreme Council, by removing permanently into another jurisdiction, *ipso facto* vacates his active membership.

2. If he removes into a jurisdiction in which there is no Supreme Council, he retains all his powers, and may proceed to organize a Supreme Council according to the Constitutions.

3. If there is a regularly established Supreme Council in the jurisdiction to which he removes, all his powers as a Sov.: Gr.: Inspector-General remain in abeyance until he is recognized and confirmed by such Supreme Council; and when so recognized and confirmed, he can exercise only such powers as are granted to him by his recognition, without regard to those he formerly enjoyed; in this jurisdiction he can be invested with no higher powers than those of Ill.: Inspector-General and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, and no permanent resident of this jurisdiction can be fully recognized as the possessor of the thirty-third grade until he shall have taken the Oath of Fealty to our Supreme Council.

4. No one can constitutionally be an active member of a Supreme Council of any other jurisdiction than that in which he resides.

5. The same principles apply to Ill.: Inspectors-General.

6. Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General and Ill.: Inspectors-General, temporarily residing or visiting in another jurisdiction, are by masonic courtesy and comity, entitled to visit and be received in their official capacity, but subject to the direction of the Supreme Council.

7. The election of a Sov.: Gr.: Inspector-General, resident of another jurisdiction, as an Honorary Member, is a mark of honor, but carries with it none of the privileges conferred by the Constitution on resident Honorary Members.

8. A Supreme Council may legitimately appoint one of its members, Active or Honorary, temporarily residing in another country, to represent it near the Supreme Council of the country in which he thus resides, and he retains his original allegiance; but upon a permanent change of residence the foregoing principles apply, and he becomes a *thirty-third at large*, without powers, and of the obedience of the Supreme Council into whose jurisdiction he has removed.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

S.: G.: C.:

As these decisions involved questions of international masonic law, I communicated them to Bro.: PIKE, Grand Commander of the South-

ern Jurisdiction, and he entirely concurs in respect to each one of them.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION. Nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony between the two Supreme Councils in the United States.

Ill.: Bro.: ALBERT PIKE, M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, accepts his election as an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council in a fraternal communication, which is herewith submitted [A].

I have also received through Ill.: Bro.: R. M. C. GRAHAM, Representative of the Southern Supreme Council, a call for a Congress of Supreme Councils at Washington, on the second Monday of May, 1874, which is herewith submitted [B].

The invitation has already been accepted by several Supreme Councils, and I earnestly recommend that we also accept it and take measures to be fully represented.

Questions of great importance are pending, which can be settled nowhere else so well as in such a Congress. I need refer to but a few; those involved in the decisions I have just announced—the question as to concurrent jurisdiction of Supreme Councils—and the relations between Grand Orients and Supreme Councils—are examples of the matters proper for discussion and decision in such a body; and I strongly hope that we shall at once communicate to our sister Supreme Council our concurrence in the call.

Bro.: PIKE has published a volume containing the Constitutions of 1762 and 1786, the Secret Constitutions, the Statutes, &c., of his Supreme Council, and much other valuable matter. This superb copy is presented to this Supreme Council in the name of the Southern Supreme Council; and I suggest that you make suitable acknowledgments.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF FRANCE. This Body has been called to mourn the death of its Grand Secretary General, VICOMTE DE LA JONQUIERE, 33°, who died on the thirtieth of April, 1873, after a long and severe illness.

On the tenth of May, Ill.: Bro.: GEORGES MAURICE GUILFREY, 33°, was elected Grand Secretary General to fill the vacancy.

IRELAND. The Rite in Ireland still continues harmonious and prosperous. As a mark of respect to this Body, the Supreme Council, on the third day of December last, elected your Grand Commander an Honorary Member.

ENGLAND, WALES, &c. In this jurisdiction, the Rite is in a healthy, growing condition, in spite of various attempts to establish spurious and clandestine Bodies.

I have received a letter of thanks for instructing in the thirty-third degree the Brethren in New Brunswick, who had received that grade, and last year visited our Supreme Council.

SCOTLAND. The measures in progress, at the last session of this Supreme Council, to secure a closer alliance and a regular correspondence with the Supreme Council of Scotland, have been successful.

That Supreme Council was established in 1846 by CHARLES MORRISON, 33°, who held his patent from the Supreme Council of France, dated November 15, 1814. It does not confer the first three degrees. By a treaty, made in 1855, with the Supreme Authority of the Royal Order of Scotland, no one can be admitted *in Scotland* to the Rose Croix degree, unless he is a Royal Arch Mason (of the York Rite and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland ; and out of Scotland, candidates for the eighteenth degree must be Royal Arch Masons under the authority of a recognized Grand Chapter. Under charters for Rose Croix Chapter, all the degrees, from the fourth to the eighteenth inclusive, are conferred, there being no Lodges or Councils as distinctive organizations. Consistories may confer the degrees from the nineteenth to the twenty-ninth inclusive, and the thirtieth by receiving a special warrant from the Supreme Council, to which application must be made in every case, and whose approval must be given before the Consistory can act upon the petition. The thirty-first degree is conferred only in the Supreme Council, and is limited to fifteen members. In like manner the thirty-second degree is conferred only in Supreme Council upon candidates selected by it, and is limited to twenty-seven members. The Supreme Council consists of nine and no more ; but a member may retire or resign, and by a unanimous vote be made an Honorary Member, with a consulting, but not a deliberative vote. At the date of the last publication, there was one vacancy in the Supreme Council, but it has since been filled. There were twelve members of the thirty-second, and thirteen members of the thirty-first degree. Among those of the thirtieth grade are : CHARLES P. BAKER, JOHN V. ELLIS, JAMES F. ELLIS, EDWIN J. EVERETT, WILLIAM FLEMING, CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, B. LESTER PETERS, ALEXANDER RANKIN, THOMAS N. ROBERTSON, EDWIN J. WETMORE and EDWARD WILLIS, of New Brunswick. It has under its jurisdiction two Consistories, and two Rose Croix Chapters, one of each at Edinburgh and St. John, New Brunswick, with a total membership, in all grades, of two hundred and three.

There have been some changes recently in the officers of the Supreme Council ; J. WHYTE MELVILLE is Sov.: Gr.: Commander, and LINDSAY MACKERSY, Gr.: Secretary General. Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY has been commissioned as Representative near this Supreme Council ; and I have commissioned Ill.: Bro.: the EARL OF ROSSLYN as our Representative near that Body, and he has signified his acceptance of the position in a communication herewith submitted [C].

I believe that new life has been infused into the Rite in Scotland, and that that Supreme Council will be one of the most prosperous in the world. There is but one matter out of which there is any danger that any disturbance may arise. So far as I am advised, the question of

jurisdiction over Canada has not been settled by the Supreme Councils of Scotland and England. Each has subordinates in New Brunswick, where it is manifest that but one set of Bodies can be well supported. I have not modified my views, as heretofore announced, that *concurrent* jurisdiction is not in accord with the constitutions of the Rite. It was hoped that the matter would be fully arranged by the parties directly interested; but I fear it is complicated by other considerations; there seems to be a division among the masons of New Brunswick, which adds to the difficulty; nothing has as yet happened to call for a modification of our action last year, and a decision by us as to the *status* of the Bodies, or of the parties who receive the degrees in them, but we may be called upon to do so at any moment. We should therefore urge the Supreme Councils of Scotland and England to arrange it between themselves, and save their sister Supreme Councils from deciding a question so delicate and difficult.

CANADA. In the Dominion, the interest in our Rite is increasing.

Bros.: JOHN H. ISAACSON and E. M. COPELAND, of Montreal, applied, with the proper authorization of the Representatives of the Rite in Canada, to Connecticut Consistory and the other Bodies at Norwich, Conn., and being accepted, received the several degrees to the thirty-second inclusive.

An application for a Rose Croix Chapter (with jurisdiction over the subordinate degrees) at Montreal has been made to the Supreme Council of England, and I am informed that it is expected that work will be commenced at an early day.

I am also advised that there is an earnest desire in Canada to form an independent Supreme Council for the Dominion. It is not at all unlikely that the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland will settle the question of jurisdiction, by establishing a Supreme Council with exclusive jurisdiction throughout the Dominion of Canada. We should have a deep interest in such a movement, but I have no fear that any will be made without consultation with those Supreme Councils most interested, or upon any basis that will not commend itself to all Bodies of the Rite.

GREECE. Investigation shows that the Supreme Council of Greece was regularly formed, and I advise that it be recognized.

A Grand Lodge was formed at Athens for the Kingdom of Greece in 1867, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Italy. The craft became somewhat disorganized, and dissensions arose among them to the extent of preventing the complete organization of the Grand Lodge. Pending this state of things Prince DEMETRIUS RHODOCANAKIS, during a visit to Scotland, was made a mason in St. Andrew Lodge, in Edinburgh, in October, 1869. He soon after received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and on the twenty-eighth of April, 1870, was elevated to the thirty-third grade in the Supreme Council of Scotland, and became a member of that Body,

with the express understanding, it is said, that he was to establish a Supreme Council for Greece. The Franco-Prussian war; however, delayed the execution of his purpose; but in the autumn of 1871, he returned to Greece and busied himself for nearly a year in restoring order among the Brethren and completing the organization of the Grand Lodge, in doing which he visited every part of the Hellenic Kingdom. On July 9-21, 1872, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for a term of three years.

On July 12-24, Bro.: RHODOCANAKIS, by virtue of the power with which he was invested by the Supreme Council of Scotland, elevated NICHOLAS DAMASKINOS to the thirty-third grade, and received him as Grand Lieut.-Commander of the Supreme Council of Greece. Thereupon the two elevated a third, and they a fourth, and so on until the first six offices were filled as follows:

- III.: DEMETRIUS RHODOCANAKIS, 33°, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander.
- " NICHOLAS DAMASKINOS, 33°, Gr.: Lieut.-Commander.
- " DEMETRIUS ET. MAVROKORDATOS, 33°, Gr.: Treasurer General H.: E.:
- " ATHANASIUS DURUTTIS, 33°, Gr.: Chancellor.
- " JEAN G. PAPADAKES, 33°, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:
- " ANDREAS KALYVAS, 33°, Gr.: Chaplain.

Subsequently III.: SP. G. KARAIKES, 33°, was appointed Gr.: Captain of the Guards. The filling of the other vacancies was postponed, and at our last advice they still existed.

General Regulations were adopted, but we have received no copy; nor have we any information in relation to the organization of subordinate Bodies.

It has been recognized by the Supreme Councils of Scotland and of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. I submit herewith a letter from the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, and I trust that we shall promptly accede to his request for an interchange of Representatives [D].

BELGIUM. The Bulletin of the proceedings of the Supreme Council from September, 1871, to September, 1872, is received.

The receipt of various communications from our Supreme Council is acknowledged.

The visit of Bros.: GOODALL and SICKELS is mentioned, and it is stated that their sojourn at that Grand Orient was so brief that it was not possible to call together the Supreme Council to give them the reception due to their merits and their masonic qualities.

The receipt of the diploma, conferring upon Bro.: CHARLES HOORICKX, honorary membership in our Supreme Council, is acknowledged. The Regent of the Order congratulated him upon that distinction, truly saying "that it proves that his services rendered to the Order are approved abroad as they are in Belgium."

The commission of Bro.: LEOPOLD RICHE as our Representative was received and approved; and that distinguished Brother was received and installed in that capacity.

In the Report on Foreign Correspondence the receipt of our Proceedings for 1868 and 1871 is acknowledged; but it is said that those for 1869 and 1870 had never been received. They were sent when issued, but I directed others to be forwarded.

The receipt of the Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council of Spain from March, 1871, to September, 1872, is acknowledged. As we have received no communications from that Body during the year, I avail myself of the following from this report. The Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Spain has seventy-nine lodges under its obedience. Bro.: CAVOUR is Grand Commander, and Bro.: ORESTES Grand Secretary. It has fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Orient of Mexico, and the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Portugal. There seems to be some disturbing element there, as the Gr.: Secretary declares spurious a journal entitled "Masonic Review, under the auspices of the Grand Orient of Spain," saying the Official Bulletin is the only organ of the Supreme Council.

A Balustre of later date announces the death of the acting Grand Commander, EDOUARD FISCHER, on the twenty-fourth of August.

His death caused a change in the roll of officers. Ill.: Bro.: BRUNO RENARD was elected Grand Commander, and Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES A. HOORICKX Lieut. Grand Commander.

ITALY. The formal recognition of the Supreme Council of Italy, Orient of Turin, has been forwarded. This Body met with a severe loss in the death of Ill.: Bro.: MINNELLI, at New York, on the eighth of February last. His death somewhat delayed the exchange of Representatives, but it has been effected, and Ill.: Bro.: DAVID LEVI commissioned as our Representative, and Ill.: Bro.: JOHN W. SIMONS as theirs.

PORTUGAL. The Bulletin of this Supreme Council has been received. Nothing has transpired calling for our action; masonry seems to be in a highly flourishing condition.

PERU. An examination of our records shows that Ill.: Bro.: RICHARDO H. HARTLEY was formerly appointed as our Representative near the Supreme Council of Peru, and that the appointment has never been revoked. Accordingly I have directed that his name be placed on our roll, and have renewed correspondence through him with the Body to which he is accredited, and which has complimented this Supreme Council by electing your Grand Commander an Honorary Member.

CENTRAL AMERICA. The formal document of recognition has been forwarded, and Ill.: Bro.: LORENZO MONTIFER has been commissioned as our Representative near the Supreme Council of Central America.

NEW GRANADA, now UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA. Having become

satisfied that the proposed treaty between the Supreme Council of Columbia and the spurious Body at Bogota never became effective. I caused the recognition of the former to be formally made. Ill.: Bro.: JOHN W. SIMONS has been appointed its Representative, and Ill.: Bro.: S. PERCY ELLIS ours. The powers of this Body are not readily understood. There is a Supreme Council, a Grand Orient and a Masonic Senate. Each appears to be, for some purposes at least, a check upon the other; and to one not familiar with it the system appears cumbrous and complicated.

BRAZIL. At our last session it was announced that the rival Bodies in the Empire of Brazil had formed a union and that peace reigned throughout that jurisdiction. This state of things continued for but a brief period. Another schism took place, and the last state is worse than the first. It seems to us very strange that the fierce attack made upon masonry by the Jesuits did not unite the craft in closer union regardless of former differences. But it seems that they have time and energy to contend with each other as well as with the Jesuits. Their documents are voluminous and frequently issued. Both parties are undoubtedly in fault, and it is highly probable that the one having the *form of regularity* is the more so. So evenly balanced is the matter in my own mind, that I have come to the conclusion that it would be better that neither Body should be recognized by any other Supreme Council in the world. I believe it would have a wholesome effect to say to the masons of Brazil: "You have disturbed the peace of the masonic world long enough; until you settle your differences, you cannot have any masonic correspondence whatever." At all events, I recommend that no action be taken before our next annual session.

One cause of the difficulties I believe to be the complication caused by having two governing Bodies, the Grand Orient and Supreme Council, with jurisdiction of some sort over the same degrees. Some Grand Lodges of the York Rite have refused masonic correspondence with Grand Orients because they are not independent, but in some measure subordinate to Supreme Councils. The latter seem also as to some matters to be subordinate to the Grand Orients. I am convinced that it is far better that Grand Orients should have exclusive jurisdiction over the first three degrees and be absolutely independent of Supreme Councils, while the latter should be distinct Bodies having exclusive jurisdiction over the other degrees. It may become necessary for Supreme Councils to limit their correspondence and recognition to those which are absolutely independent. Our own system is simple and works well in practice; the only other sensible system is to have all the degrees under the care of the Supreme Council with no intervening governing Body.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. A large mass of documents has been received from the Supreme Council for the Argentine Republic. It is alleged

that the Grand Master procured a re-election in an unmasonic and unconstitutional manner, in consequence of which the members of the Supreme Council separated from him. The names attached to these documents are those of well known members of that Supreme Council, among which is that of our Representative. I see no reason for not continuing our correspondence through him.

URUGUAY. We are not in the receipt of any documents from the Supreme Council of Uruguay.

CHILI. The formal document of recognition has been forwarded, together with a commission to Ill.: Bro.: GEORGE H. KENDALL as our Representative, but nothing has since been received by us save a private letter from Bro.: KENDALL.

MEXICO. Correspondence has been opened and Representatives exchanged with the Supreme Council of Mexico. Ill.: Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS has been commissioned as Representative near our Supreme Council, and Ill.: Bro.: ESTEVAN ZENTENO as ours near that Body. A recent communication announces the appointment of FRANCISCO D. MAZIN, as Secretary General. A translation of the response to our letter of recognition is herewith submitted [E].

EGYPT. Documents have been received from a Body claiming to be the Supreme Council of Egypt, but they show on their face that the Body is clandestine and they require no notice. I learn from Bro.: SHEVILLE, who has recently visited Egypt, that there is a Body there presided over by RALPH BORG, which is probably regular; but in the absence of all documentary evidence no proper conclusion can be reached in reference to it.

TURKEY. Bro.: SHEVILLE also reports that there is at Constantinople a Body claiming to be a Supreme Council, but we are without further information concerning it.

CUBA. A Supreme Council formerly existed in Cuba, with which we were in correspondence. The masonic institution became obnoxious to the government, and the Supreme Council was supposed to have ceased to exist. But this supposition was erroneous; that Body withdrew from public observation, but continued its existence and labors in the best manner possible under the circumstances.

During the last summer, Ill.: Bro.: BENJAMIN ODIO, 33°, came to this country duly accredited as its Representative, and I herewith submit two communications from him [F], [G].

I recommend that correspondence be renewed, and Representatives be exchanged as requested by him.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE. I submit herewith the report and resolutions of the Grand Orient of France in relation to their recognition of the spurious Supreme Council in Louisiana [H].

No reply has been made to the communication announcing this result. Of course, no action short of revoking its recognition can be deemed satisfactory, whatever may be the decision of the Supreme Councils. I do not deem a reply necessary, but I suggest that we formally enter of record a re-affirmation of our position.

ARCHIVES.

In accordance with your vote of last year, I examined the room provided in the Masonic Temple in Boston for the Archives of the Supreme Council, and approved the action of the committee. A large number of documents and books have already been deposited there; but measures should be taken to have them properly arranged, and a system for the management of the Archives should be adopted. This, however, should be done, or at least *proposed*, by the Grand Keeper of the Archives.

TRUSTEES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The charter and by-laws of the Trustees of the Supreme Council were printed in last year's proceedings and the consideration of the matter postponed to this session. I am more than ever convinced of the wisdom of this plan of securing a permanent fund, and commend the subject to your careful consideration.

THE GRAND SECRETARIAT.

Thus far we have paid the Grand Secretary General only for clerk hire. The labor of that officer has become very great. His office is the headquarters for all visiting Brethren, and much of his time is consumed in extending the necessary courtesies to them. It is evidently not just to make such demands upon his time without compensation. It does not comport with the dignity of this Body, that clerical and other labor performed in its behalf should be done at personal sacrifice. I ask your attention to this matter and such action as you shall deem necessary.

OFFICIAL INSIGNIA.

I have been several times asked what is the proper insignia for subordinate officers in the various Bodies of the Rite. I have been compelled to reply that none have been established by the Supreme Council, and that I find none described in our Monitors or Rituals. I suggest the matter that you may act upon it if you deem it desirable.

RETROSPECT.

Six years have now elapsed since "the union;" the contests preceding that continued the same length of time. It is fitting, therefore, that we look back and inquire what progress we have made, and how the present condition of the Rite compares with its condition six years ago. I am not about to go into details, nor to revive the memory of those days when our time and energies were expended in contending

with each other. I choose rather to remind you that the result of the labors of the past six years is that we have a *united* Supreme Council with a greater number of subordinates than any other Supreme Council in the world ; that these subordinates have a larger membership in the aggregate, confer in form more of the degrees, possess more perfectly furnished apartments, and render the ritual more impressively, than the subordinates in any other jurisdiction ; and that harmony generally prevails among us.

CONCLUSION.

But this magnificent result is no occasion for congratulation, if we have failed to make progress in the diffusion and practice of those principles which all the works of the Rite are designed to teach. There never was a time in these later days when it was more imperatively demanded that masons of our Rite should maintain and practice its principles. All over our land, trusts, public and private, are betrayed almost without a blush ; the fountains of justice are polluted ; crime goes unpunished ; human life is wantonly sacrificed ; and it seems as if might and violence are the only laws.

To all these things, the teachings of our Rite are directly opposed ; and though no leaven of good should be found elsewhere, masonry should present against violence and crime an impassable barrier. The law of progress is inherent in the institution and is irresistible. In the deepest gloom, this consideration enables us to look forward to brighter days. The time *must* come, when violence shall cease and might yield to right. The poet has already beheld it in celestial allegory :

“ I saw as in a dream sublime,
The balance in the hand of Time.
O'er East and West its beam impended ;
And day with all its hours of light
Was slowly sinking out of sight,
While, opposite, the scale of night
Silently with the stars ascended.

“ I saw, with its celestial keys,
Its chords of air, its frets of fire,
The Samian's great Æolian lyre
Rising through all its seven-fold bars
From earth unto the fixed stars.

“ Begirt with many a blazing star
Stood the giant Algebar
Orion, hunter of the beast !
His sword hung gleaming by his side,
And, on his arm, the lion's hide
Scattered across the midnight air,
The golden radiance of its hair.

“ The moon was pallid, but not faint
 And beautiful as some fair saint,
 Serenely moving on her way
 In hours of trial and dismay.

“ Thus moving on with silent pace,
 And triumph in her sweet, pale face,
 She reached the station of Orion.
 Aghast he stood in strange alarm !
 And suddenly from his outstretched arm
 Down fell the red skin of the lion
 Into the river at his feet.
 His mighty club no longer beat
 The forehead of the bull ; but he
 Reeled as of yore beside the sea,
 When, blinded by Ænopus,
 He sought the blacksmith at his forge,
 And climbing up the mountain gorge,
 Fixed his blank eyes upon the sun.

“ Then, through the silence overhead
 An angel with a trumpet said,
 ‘ Forevermore, forevermore,
 The reign of violence is o'er.’
 And like instrument that flings
 Its music on another's strings,
 The trumpet of the angel cast
 Upon the heavenly lyre its blast,
 And on from sphere to sphere the words
 Re-echoed down the burning chords.—
 ‘ Forevermore, forevermore,
 The reign of violence is o'er.’ ”

And may we not hope that the night is already far spent and the day close at hand? Happy the zealous and faithful mason, who, in his station, stands nearest the morning, and with voice like a trumpet-blast shall fling upon the multitude of quivering hearts that wait to hear it, the prelude to that grand out-bursting chorus which shall proclaim :

“ Forevermore, forevermore,
 The reign of violence is o'er.”

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

[A.]

LETTER FROM ILL.: BRO.: ALBERT PIKE.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ORIENT OF WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, U. S. A.,
8TH DAY OF KISLEV, A. M. 5632, 8TH DECEMBER, 1872, V. E. }

M.: P.: AND ILL.: BRO.:

I have had the honor and pleasure to receive from you official information of my election by the M.: P.: Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, an Honorary Member of that very distinguished Body.

Be pleased at the proper time to communicate to your Supreme Council my thanks. That my endeavors to be of use to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite have won the approval of its members, and have gained me their and your own fraternal regards, constitutes a very large proportion of the only reward and the only fame that I covet, and will always be to me a source of self-congratulation and pride.

Accept, very dear Brother, sincere assurances of my cordial regard and affectionate esteem. Your friend and Brother,

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,
*Sov.: Gr.: Com.*M.: P.: and ILL.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

[B.]

PROPOSITION FOR A CONGRESS OF SUPREME COUNCILS.

DEI OPTIMI MAXIMI, UNIVERSITATIS RERUM
FONTIS AC ORIGINIS AD GLORIAM.GR.: OR.: OF CHARLESTON, IN THE STATE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA, U. S. A.

16th day of Kislev, A. M. 5633, 16th December, 1872, V. E.:

The SUPREME COUNCIL of the 33d Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

BY THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER, To the M.: P.: Supreme Council
of the same degree, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction U. S. A.

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M.: P.: SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER, AND P.: AND ILL.: BRETHREN :

We have long been convinced that the great interests of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite required that a Congress of all the Supreme Councils of the world should be convoked; and that the assembling of such a Congress, if only of a part of the Supreme Powers of the Rite, would by free interchange of opinions tend to produce future concert of action, and unity of opinion, doctrine, ritual and instruction, whereby the Rite should be the better enabled to fulfill its great apostolate as the teacher of truth, wisdom and virtue.

Therefore we proposed, twelve years ago, the holding of such a Congress at the City of London; but, owing, perhaps, to the little communication then maintained among the Powers, and perhaps in part to untoward events here and elsewhere, the project had no successful result.

We have lately been urged by the Supreme Council of Peru to renew the attempt, for reasons which that body has set forth to us at length. These need not be repeated here, since it can need no statement of any to prove that it is greatly desirable for our several Powers to convene by their delegates, to counsel together, and to make more intimate the bonds of fraternal harmony. We are often called on to decide separately upon questions of legitimacy of bodies claiming to be supreme, and are of course sometimes found to decide adversely to each other. Measures are necessary to be taken to counteract the mischief wrought by indiscreet publications. The inordinate multiplication of Supreme Councils in jurisdictions of limited extent; the lavish conferring of the 33d Degree; and the low price set upon Degrees; the hasty recognition of Powers; the differences of Work; the relations of Supreme Councils to other Bodies, and their connection with Grand Bodies of other Degrees; the scanty information furnished by many of the Powers of their proceedings and action, to their peers; the want of unity of action in resisting aggressions; and existing controversies and questions as to supremacy of jurisdiction,—all demand the united consideration of the Powers of the Rite.

The Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, established in 1801, and therefore the oldest in the world, having once endeavored to effect the convening of such a Congress in Europe, may now, without liability to the charge of forwardness or presumption, invite its peers to convene by their delegates, within its jurisdiction, and at the capital city of the United States. We think that to our Brethren of Europe it may be of more interest to visit a country less known to them than a city as familiar to them as London or Paris. To our Brethren of this continent it will be more convenient and perhaps less expensive, and requiring less time. All will be gladly wel-

comed here, not only by us, but by our Brethren of the Northern Jurisdiction ; and subsequent sessions of the Congress may give us the opportunity of visiting the lands of our forefathers, and counseling with our Brethren around their own altars.

The next session of our Council will be held on the first Monday of May, 1874. During that month the Congress of the United States will be in session at Washington ; and we do therefore propose to our sister Councils that they consider the propriety of accepting our invitation to meet by such number of Delegates as each may see fit to select, in Congress of the Supreme Councils, at the City of Washington, on the second Monday of May, 1874. If any considerable number shall agree to do so, our Sovereign Grand Commander will, upon receipt of responses to that effect during the year 1873, give information thereof to all Councils, and advise them that the Congress will be held.

The good of the Ancient and Accepted Rite and the interests of humanity invite us to assemble together. We earnestly urge you, very dear Brethren, to decide that your Supreme Council shall be represented.

May our Father who is in heaven have you always in his holy keeping. *Amen!*

Signed by the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Secretary General and Grand Chancellor of the Holy Empire, and sealed with their seals and the Great Seal of the Supreme Council.

ALBERT PIKE,

Sov. Gr. Commander.

ALBERT G. MACKEY,

Sec. General H.: E.:

HENRY BUIST,

Gr. Chancellor H.: E.:

[C.]

LETTER FROM THE ILL. BRO. THE EARL OF ROSSLYN.

DYSART HOUSE, KIRKCALDY, FIFE, N. B., September 8, 1873.

ILL. SIR AND BROTHER :

I beg to acknowledge with great gratification the receipt of the commission constituting me Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U. S. A., near the Supreme Council for Scotland, which commission has been duly and properly sustained.

It will be my constant care, as your Representative, to cement those sacred ties of fraternity which now so happily unite the two Supreme Councils, and to attend to the interests confided to my care.

I am, Illustrious Sir and Brother,

Truly and fraternally yours,

ROSSLYN,

To JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, ESQ., *Grand Master of Scotland.*
M. P. S. G. C.

[D.]

LETTER FROM THE GRAND COMMANDER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GREECE.

To the M.: P.: and Ill.: Brother, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M.: P.: and Ill.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the S.: C.: 33°, for the N.: J.: U.: S.: A.:

VERY DEAR BROTHER :

I have the honor to announce to you that the Supreme Council, 33°, for Greece has been officially recognized by the Supreme Councils, 33°, for Scotland, and for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and to crave the recognition of that Council by your own Supreme Council.

If it shall please your Supreme Council to commission to be its Grand Representative and Garant d'Amitié near our Supreme Council our Ill.: and well beloved Brother ANDREAS KALYVAS, 33°, of the City of Athens in the Kingdom of Greece, Sov.: Gr.: Inspector General and Active Member of our Supreme Council, we shall, with pleasure, accept and welcome him as such, he being one of the most esteemed members of our Body.

And we shall with like pleasure, accredit to be our Grand Representative and Garant d'Amitié near your Supreme Council, such Brother Member of your Supreme Council, as it may please you to inform us will be acceptable to you.

Be pleased, very dear Brother, to accept for your Supreme Council this tender of a firm friendship and close alliance on the part of our Supreme Council, and for yourself assurances on my part of distinguished fraternal consideration and esteem. And may our Father who is in Heaven have it and you in his holy keeping.

RHODOCANAKIS, 33°,

29th April, 1878.

Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

[E.]

LETTER FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF MEXICO.

GRAND ORIENT OF MEXICO, April 26, 1873.

To Ill.: Bro.: JOSIAH HAYDEN DRUMMOND, Sov.: Gr.: Com.: Sup.: Coun.:, at Boston.

ILL.: AND PUSSANT BRO.:

The Sup.: Coun.: over which I have the distinguished honor to preside, has received with the greatest satisfaction your Balustre of Sept. 18th, containing the express recognition extended by your Supreme Council to this.

At the same time, and with equal pleasure, we learn that with the desire to establish frequent and regular relations and to draw more

closely the bonds of fraternal union between both Supreme Councils, you have been pleased to name as your Representative and Guarantee of Friendship, the worthy Bro.: ESTEVAN ZENTENO, Lt.-Gr.: Com.: of this Sup.: Coun.:

This nomination has been approved and sanctioned, and this Sup.: Coun.: has the pleasure of accepting your recommendation and naming Ill.: Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS, 33°, to represent it near your masonic power, to which end I send you our Balustre, No. 112, confirming said nomination.

We received your most important communication with great interest, but this Sup.: Coun.: having suspended its sessions on account of circumstances obliging a majority of its members to leave the Capital and thus delay the high honor of a response, we trust that you and your Supreme Council will pardon the delay.

Please accept the assurance of our sincere gratitude and communicate the same to the members of your Supreme Council.

JAMES C. LOHSE, 33°,
Grand Commander.

GONZALEZ DE GONZALEZ, 33°,
Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:

[F.]

LETTER FROM THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF COLON.

T.: T.: G.: O.: T.: G.: A.: O.: T.: U.:

To M.: Puiiss.: Bro.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, Sov.: Gr.: Com.: of the M.: P.: Sup.: Coun.: for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., Portland, Me.

The Gr.: Foreign Representative of the M.: P.: Sup.: Council of Colon and the West Indies.

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DEAR SIR AND M.: PUSSI.: BRO.:

I have the honor to place before you my Credentials as the G.: Representative of the M.: P.: Sup.: Council of Colon and the West Indies, near all the Supreme Councils with whom it may and should have relations of amity, to which position I have been appointed in place of Ill.: Bro.: ANDRES CASSARD, resigned.

In begging you to accept and acknowledge these letters of credence, it is my earnest purpose to continue the fraternal relations which, I understand, were initiated through said Ill.: Bro.:; and I shall make it my first duty to do everything in my power to promote the most cordial understanding and intimate relations between the M.: Sup.: Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., and that of

Colon, of which I am an active member, now temporarily residing in this city ; but to attain this desired object, I think it would be to mutual advantage to appoint G.: Representatives and Guarantees of Amity near each other from among their respective members. I therefore present you the name of the Ill.: Bro.: BISMARCK, Gr.: Master Gen.: of Ceremonies of my Sup.: Council, and a resident of the city of St. Jago de Cuba—the Gr.: East,—who will be cheerfully accepted and welcomed by the Sup.: Council of Colon and the West Indies, should you see fit to appoint him to that honorable position. In exchange I should request you to give me the name and address of the member of your Sup.: Council whom it may please you to equally accept and welcome as the Gr.: Representative of my Sup.: Council near your M.: P.: Sup.: Body.

As the relations between the two Bodies have been interrupted for some time, I deem it my duty at this juncture, to give you a synopsis of the causes that have prevented my Sup.: Council from keeping up the correspondence with Foreign Masonic Powers.

The Supreme Council of Colon, for the Masonic Jurisdiction of Cuba and the other unoccupied West India Islands, which was established at the Gr.: East of St. Jago de Cuba, December, 1859, v. E., by proper authority emanating from the M.: P.: Supreme Council, 33°, for the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., has had to contend with difficulties of a very grave nature, arising from the fact that the masonic institution was forbidden by the Spanish laws, which provided no less penalty for persons convicted of the charge of being connected with it, than expulsion from the country and confiscation of property, to say nothing of religious excommunication, which laws, although a dead letter in the Peninsula since the dethronement of the Bourbon Queen Isabel II, have remained in force in Cuba.

Several of the Captains-General and other officers who have ruled the Island being masons, masonry has at times been tolerated ; and it has not failed to make as much progress as circumstances permitted ; but being compelled to work in the dark, it has ever been necessary to conceal, as much as possible, its existence ; and the members have to make use of "masonic names" for fear that their own being discovered, they would be put to the penalty of the intolerant law of the land.

For the same reason the Supreme Council itself was named after the immortal discoverer of America—Columbus—(Colon in Spanish) it being desired to conceal even the Gr.: East of the Order.

The difficulties of assembling large bodies of masons will therefore be apparent, as well as the inexpediency of giving publicity to its operations, or even trusting to paper the mandates and Balustres of the Supreme Council, much less confide the same to the post. It was deemed advisable to do as little in writing as possible, and in many instances committees were appointed in order to communicate personally and orally with the subordinate Bodies. Under such circumstances it was considered wise to confine the Foreign Correspondence to only one chan-

nel, and Ill.: Bro.: CASSARD was appointed Gen.: Foreign Representative, with powers to correspond in our name with all the Supreme Councils, and to appoint Guarantees of Amity near them, as he, being acquainted with the difficulties under which Cuban masonry labored, would know how to conduct the correspondence, and prevent the publication of real names of the members, so that they should not be exposed to suffer thereby.

It is not my province to enter into considerations as to the manner in which said Grand Representative has acquitted himself of his important mission; but I will state that I am sanguine of the results of my efforts to bring about more satisfactory intercourse between the various Supreme Councils of the world and my Supreme Council; and I hope that I shall thereby make myself worthy of the confidence placed in me, and I shall endeavor to obtain for it the consideration and esteem of those near whom I am accredited.

Our noble Institution thus besieged, and its members endangered all the time, there was nothing left to them but to do the best they could under these circumstances; and it is much to their honor that I may say that the light of masonry was diffused with rapidity and success, the work progressing steadily, and that we had nearly succeeded in overcoming the distrust of the local authorities, and were on the high road to prosperity, with numerous Bodies working throughout the jurisdiction, when the unexpected event of the declaration of Cuban independence at Yara, October, 1868, spread consternation and disorder, and the regular course of individual and social life was most radically changed. Then came one of those periods of misery, cruelty and tears, and a fratricidal strife ensued, the history of which will, most assuredly, break the hearts of future generations.

War, with all its horrors in their most hideous colors, was now the all absorbing topic, and in its devastating, destructive operations, it has, like a whirlwind, swept away every comfort of life, and scattered the flock that was once united and compact in the pursuits of masonry. Our M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: ANT. VINENT, of Gola, Marquis of Palomares, now deceased, and many others, abandoned the field of labor and absented themselves to different countries, not wishing to be witnesses to the scenes of horror that were enacted; and many still more numerous fled from their native lands to save their lives from the rage of those enemies of all human progress, who, being now set up in authority, and armed in the name of Spain, but really in the interest of ignorance, intolerance and the slave-trade, persecuted and hunted down all those whom they suspected of holding liberal opinions, and ideas contrary to their bigotry and ambition, no matter how passive in the strife that was to decide the future political existence of the country.

By the seizure of papers and diplomas belonging to members of the masonic Order, they discovered that some of the men that were fighting for independence were masons, and without stopping to consider

that in the opposite ranks they might have found equally as many of them, they engaged in a blind, brutal and inhuman crusade against the craft in general, advancing the charge that this Institution was the cradle, the instigator and the provider of the insurrectionary movement of the natives.

It now becomes my duty to brand that charge as utterly false, unfounded and unwarrantable. and in the name of the Sup.: Council of Colon, which I have the honor to represent, and of the masons of Cuba in general, I declare in the most solemn manner, that no body of masons under the jurisdiction of Colon has ever been directly or indirectly connected with the rebellion to the knowledge of said Sup.: Council, and that the landmark of the Order, which forbids the discussion of political or religious matters in the lodges, has constantly been enforced, and never violated by those hailing from the Sup.: Council of Colon, which have always counted among their members both Spaniards and natives.

Said Sup.: Body is aware of the fact that some of the officers and soldiers of the liberating army are masons of its jurisdiction, and it deplores and deprecates that they should have considered it their duty *as citizens*, thus to depart from the charge given them when they were admitted into the Fraternity, "that they should not countenance rebellion against the legal authorities, and that they should submit cheerfully to the established laws of the land." The Sup.: Council, as a high Masonic Body and the Head of the Order, would have rejoiced over the fact that this sanguinary war might be averted, by means of proper and sufficient concessions and reforms in the government of the country, which would have satisfied the claims of the aggrieved population, and that the wounds inflicted by the errors and misdeeds of past administrations might have been healed, and peace and harmony prevail among people of the same race and origin, created by the Eternal God to love and cherish each other, but now separated by the bloody chasm of the terrible war to which they have had recourse. But while these Brethren have chosen this method of upholding their rights *as citizens*, masonry must disclaim all participation or connection with acts entirely out of its proper sphere; and leaving them to the consequences of their own individual conduct, even without expressing an opinion, it must stand before God and man, free from the charge maliciously set up against it, of going beyond its noble and glorious mission of opening the road and leading humanity to the highest possible degree of perfection, by the enlightenment and the diffusion of knowledge among all classes, and the observance of those moral and eternal principles and landmarks which constitute the basis of its organization.

Public opinion, however, seems to have settled somewhat upon this important question, as it appears by recent events that the ill feeling against masonry is rapidly disappearing; the authorities themselves, seem to be quite satisfied that they have nothing to fear from our institution, and a reaction is doubtless taking place, which permits a lit-

tle more freedom to the members. The political revolution in Spain and the consequent proclamation of the inalienable rights of man, although not accepted and recognized in Cuba, as well as the recently established fraternal intercourse between the masonic authorities in both countries, have tended to assuage the grudge against the Order, and it is hoped that even in the midst of the war which continues to rage upon that beautiful Isle, there will be more respect for Free Masonry.

The Grand Orient of Spain, which for a moment seemed to ignore the right of jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Colon, has lately recognized it as a legitimate and independent Body, and a spirit of concord prevails now between the two Powers.

Thus the prospects of masonry in Cuba and the West Indies commence to look brighter; and the Supreme Council, ever ready to profit by all the opportunities for extending the lights and benefits of the Order, has not lost a moment in giving more impulse to the work, which for a time had been confined to keeping up their interior organization.

It has therefore hastened to fill the vacancy in the position of Gen.: Foreign Representative, and has instructed me to resume the relations of amity heretofore established, and to inaugurate similar intercourse with the Supreme Councils who had not yet entered into correspondence with it.

It has itself resumed the work of extending the A.: A.: Rite to the other Islands of its jurisdiction, and a Gr.: Consistory of SS.: PP.: of the R.: S.:, 32°, is about to be established in St. Thomas and another in Porto Rico—and I have no doubt that it will continue to increase in number and importance.

The officers of the Supreme Council of Colon are now as follows, one vacant place to be filled at the next elections :

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| <i>M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.:</i> | <i>OBED.</i> |
| <i>P.: Gr.: Lieut.-Com.:</i> | <i>TIRO.</i> |
| <i>Ill.: Gr.: Minister of State,</i> | <i>TESALONICA.</i> |
| <i>" Gr.: Treasurer Gen.: H.: E.:</i> | <i>HATNEY, 1st.</i> |
| <i>" Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: and K.: of Archives,</i> | <i>INRI.</i> |
| <i>" Gr.: Master Gen.: of Ceremonies,</i> | <i>BISMARCK.</i> |
| <i>" Gr.: Hospitaler,</i> | <i>JOSAPHAT.</i> |
| <i>" Gr.: Captain of the Guard,</i> | <i>CONSTANTE.</i> |

The real names of the officers you will find in the enclosed slip for your private government, and are omitted here to prevent their being divulged should this communication come to print.

Hoping that my efforts to carry out the ardent desire of my Supreme Council of renewing the fraternal relations with your M.: P.: Supreme Body will meet with a warm acknowledgment on your part, I pray the G.: A.: O.: T.: U.: to have you and your Supreme Council in

His Holy keeping, and you, M.: P.: and dear Bro.: to accept assurances of high fraternal regard and consideration, with which

I am yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN ODIO, 33°,

Gr.: Foreign Rep.: Sup.: Council of Colon and W. I.

Or.: of New York, August 6, 1873. v. E.

[G.]

LETTER FROM THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF COLON.

T.: T.: G.: O.: T.: G.: A.: O.: T.: U.:

To M.: Puiiss.: Bro.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, Sov.: Gr.: Com.: of the M.: P.: Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

The Gr.: Foreign Representative of the M.: P.: Supreme Council of Colon for Cuba and the other West India Islands.

H.:

E.:

P.:

M.: PUISSANT AND DEAR BRO.:

With reference to my communication of August sixth, I beg leave to inform you that I have just received a Balustre from my Supreme Council, from which I translate the following paragraphs:

With reference to the Balustre of the 20th July last, from the M.: P.: Bro.: ALBERT PIKE, 33°, Sov.: Gr.: Com.: of the Supreme Council for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., be pleased to communicate to him, that this Supreme Council has for some time past adopted the distinctive title of "Supremo Consejo, 33°. de Colon para Cuba y demas Yslas de las Yndias Occidentales," which of right belongs to it, and by which title it has been recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Orient of Spain, and that by virtue of the Jurisdictional powers vested in it, on being established in the year 1859, by authority emanating from his Sup.: Council, it has itself established a Consistory of SS.: PP.: of the R.: S.:, 32°, as for the Island of Porto Rico, and another one at and for the Island of St. Thomas, both territories being now definitively occupied and under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council.

"With regard to the suggestion as to adopting a constitutional disposition providing for the increasing of the number of our members, the Constitutions of this Supreme Council, as a whole, are shortly to be revised on the occasion of a Grand Communication of the Grand Orient of Colon for Cuba and the other West India Islands, and then that subject will doubtless meet with the most favorable consideration. In the

mean time a sufficient number of SS.: II.: GG.:, 33°, are connected with each of the three Consistories under our jurisdiction to protect and supervise the work in said Bodies."

I have the honor to be,

Most Pow.: and dear Bro.:,

Yours very fraternally,

BENJAMIN ODIO, 33°,

New York. October 23, 1873.

Gr.: Foreign Rep.: &c.

[H.]

TRANSLATION OF BALUSTRE OF GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

T.: T.: G.: O.: T.: G.: A.: O.: T.: U.:

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE, SUPREME COUNCIL FOR FRANCE AND THE FRENCH POSSESSIONS.

PARIS, January 14, 1873.

To the Supreme Council A.: and A.: Rite, sitting in the Valley of Boston.

ILL.: AND DEAR BRETHREN:

We have the honor to send you herewith a copy of the report adopted by the General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France, Sept. 11, 1872, touching the Supreme Council of Louisiana sitting at New Orleans.

It appertains to you, dear Brethren, to carry out the conclusions of this report, by calling forth the opinions of all the Supreme Councils, and to make known such opinion to the Grand Orient, the next General Assembly of which will be held Sept. 8, 1873.

We hope to receive a reply before that time, and await it with entire confidence, persuaded that the Great Masonic Powers cannot be moved by any other consideration than that of the general interests of Free-masonry.

Be pleased, Ill.: and very dear Brethren, to accept the assurance of our fraternal sentiments.

ST. JEAN,

CAUBET,

President of the Council of the Order.

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:

[L. S.]

REPORT, REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING BALUSTRE,
TRANSLATED.

T.: T.: G.: O.: T.: G.: A.: O.: T.: U.:

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE, SUPREME COUNCIL FOR FRANCE AND THE FRENCH POSSESSIONS.

REPORT.

Adopted by the General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France, at its session on the eleventh day of September, 1872, upon the question of the Supreme Council of Louisiana, sitting at New Orleans.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN :

The committee appointed by you has had to make itself familiar with a voluminous correspondence and important documents ; it has also been obliged to re-examine, with some care, the history of the question which is for you to decide. It brings you to-day the result of its labors, and will propose to you a determination which may, it hopes, at least put an end to the disagreement which separates two great countries so well qualified to act in harmony, France and the United States of America.

But before entering into the historical part of the question, before making known to you its conclusion, your committee is happy to declare formally, and to say to you that in no letter, in no protest, has it seen that the Grand Lodges of America reproach the Supreme Council of Louisiana for the admission of colored men into masonry. On the contrary, the Grand Lodge of New York, under date of Feb. 27, 1869, expressly says: "American Masonry has no law forbidding colored men to be made masons." All the lodges are satisfied with protesting against the decree of Nov. 5, 1868, because it implies recognition of an American Masonic power, which they characterize as irregular. Your committee has been truly happy to see, my Brethren, that officially at least, all the Grand Lodges pay homage to that principle of equality which France was the first to proclaim, in declaring free every man who touches the soil of France. Not one of them dares protest openly against the initiation of colored men, and if any restriction be hidden in the depth of their hearts, which I cannot believe, it must be admitted that this hypocrisy of sentiments is nevertheless a homage paid to the great humanitarian principles which are sheltered under the tri-color of France and under the starry flag of the Union.

Moreover, the Freemasons of the States which have fought so gloriously for the abolition of slavery—the compatriots of Lincoln—could not betray our hopes; and if some letters of individuals, and reports made by single persons raise this question of unworthiness of race, all the masonic centres reject it and are in perfect accord with the Grand Orient of France. I repeat it, we are happy to state that the Free-masonry of the Great American people is in accord with the French masonry in being directed and guided by the great principles of tolerance and equality, which are the foundation and the glory of our Order.

Without entering into the recital of all the transformations undergone by the Supreme Councils of the Northern States of America, it will suffice for us to state that, according to the Grand Constitutions given—as is pretended—by Frederick II, King of Prussia, two Supreme Councils only of the Scottish Rite can co-exist in North America. We will not here investigate whether the Constitutions of May 1, 1786, are really the work of Frederick the Great, or whether he had the right to make them ; we merely state a fact. Two Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite were then constituted, one at Charleston, the other at

Boston ; ruled the Rite, and lived in concord with the Grand Lodges professing the York Rite. It appears that in 1839 these two Supreme Councils in Boston and Charleston ceased. A Consistory of the 32d degree had been established in New Orleans ; in this Consistory were masons possessing the 33d degree. They established a Supreme Council, which they ornamented with the name of "Supreme Council of the United States of America," and gave notice of its existence to the various masonic powers.

On the report of Bro.: TARDIEU, December 24, 1842, the Grand Orient recognized it, and in the masonic Calendar of the year 1843, by the side of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, we find, "New Orleans, Supreme Council of the United States of America. Sov.: Gr.: Commander, the Ill.: Bro.: SANTIAGO, Guarantor of Amity, near the Gr.: Orient of France, the Bro.: JUGE, and near the Council of America, the Bro.: MONTMAIN."

These confraternal relations subsisted until in 1855. The Bro.: JUGE, Guarantor of Amity, was in 1851 replaced by the Bro.: JOBERT, who appeared by this title on the Calendar, until the moment when the Supreme Council of Louisiana ceased to be inscribed thereon, and was replaced by the Supreme Council of Charleston.

At this moment, the members in activity of the Supreme Council of America concluded with the members of the Supreme Council of Charleston, which had been born again (or resuscitated, *qui venait de renaître*), a concordat by which the See of the Council was transferred to Charleston.

Thenceforward relations were interrupted with the Supreme Council of Louisiana, whose dissident members did not re-constitute themselves until 1858. It was at that date that they applied to enter into relations with the Grand Orient of France, which was refused them by the then Grand Master, upon the report of the Bro.: REXES.

In 1868, upon new application, and in that only following the example of the Grand Orients of Italy and Belgium, the Grand Master, upon a favorable report of a member of the Council, charged with the examination of the question, signed, on the date of 5th November, the decree which constitutes the object of the reclamations of the American Masonic Powers.

By a susceptibility which we understand, they have seen in this decree an invasion of the Grand Orient of France into the masonic affairs of America. But it is important to bring back all things to the reality; it is necessary to recognize as a fact, that the Grand Master only wished to renew with a Masonic Centre the sympathetic relations that had previously existed, and in no manner desired to impose on the lodges of the Union the recognition of a new Supreme Council ; he acted with the most entire good faith ; the Grand Orient is in the same category, it cannot alone decide cases of regularity or irregularity of

the great masonic family, in its character of Power ; it can but conform itself to the decisions of the authorities which rule the Scottish Rite.

The conduct, then, of the Grand Master, and that of the Grand Orient of France, are explained in the most natural manner, and should not have caused a serious disagreement among Brethren born to love and esteem each other. To bring it to an end, your Committee proposes to you to address to the Grand Lodges of America, and to the two Supreme Councils of Charleston and Boston, these explanations, which will restore, it is hoped, union and fraternal relations between the masons of France and America.

In consequence, the committee appointed by your Bureaus has the honor to propose to you the following draft :

" Considering that the Decree of 5th November, 1868, was only the renewal of that which was made in 1842, in virtue whereof amicable relations had been already established between the Grand Orient of France and the Supreme Council of America, to-day the Supreme Council of Louisiana, which appeared during twelve years, without a protest, in the Calendar of the Grand Orient of France.

" Considering, therefore, that this decree, which gave no cause for reclamation, and was consecrated by the nomination of guarantors of amity, did not imply a new recognition of a new masonic Power.

" Considering that by this decree, the Grand Master did not intend to infringe upon either the rights of American Masonry or on those which Scotticism finds or thinks it finds in the Constitutions of 1786.

" That the voluminous correspondence interchanged upon this occasion between the Grand Orient of France and the American Masonic Powers, distinctly proves that they accept and share the humanitarian principles to which the Grand Master alludes in his decree.

" Considering that it is urgent to make the American Masonic Powers comprehend that the Grand Orient has never desired to interfere in the discussions raised by the lodges of America, which have mistaken its intentions, and that it earnestly desires that amicable and fraternal relations may never cease to exist between the two great Republics of America and France.

" The Grand Orient of France, assembled in Annual Convention, charges the Council of the Order, its present representative near foreign powers, to make known to the Grand Lodges of America and the Supreme Councils at Boston and Charleston, its fraternal and friendly intentions, and its firm determination to intermeddle in no wise with masonic questions so long as they are not international. The Grand Orient desires to respect the rights of every country and every Rite, as it desires that its own shall be respected, and if the Scottish Rite represented by all the Supreme Councils of the Globe declare the irregularity of the Louisiana Council, the Grand Orient, itself Supreme

Council for France and the French colonies, will conform to the decision of the majority of the Powers of the Scottish Rite."

A true copy.

Attest:

THEVÉNOT,

Grand Secretary General.

On motion of Bro.: GOODALL, the Grand Commander was requested to refer his address to appropriate Committees; and it was referred as follows :

1. So much as relates to charters and dispensations, to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
2. So much as relates to the condition of the Rite, to the Committee on the State of the Rite.
3. So much as relates to the proposed Congress of Supreme Councils, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.
4. So much as relates to Foreign Relations, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
5. So much as relates to the Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation (with Reports and Proceedings), except as hereinafter stated, to Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation.
6. The proposition of Councils of Deliberation to reduce the dues from Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, to Committee on Finance.
7. So much as relates to the Grand Secretariat, to the Committee on Finance.
8. So much as relates to the Trustees of the Supreme Council, to the Supreme Council.
9. So much as relates to Rituals for installation officers of Councils of Deliberation and their jewels; and so much as relates to Jewels or Insignia for subordinate officers of Bodies, to the Committee on Rituals.

The Representatives of the Supreme Councils of France; of England, Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown; of the Argentine Republic ; of Uruguay ; of Peru ; of Portugal ; of Italy ; of Mexico ; of the United States of Columbia; and of Central America, were present in person.

Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE presented the following communication from Ill.: Bro.: CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY, and in accordance therewith was received as the Representative of the Supreme Council of Scotland for the session:

BOSTON, Nov. 5, 1873.

Sov.: Gr.: Com.: :

As the Representative accredited by the Supreme Council of Scot-

land to your jurisdiction of the H.: E.: of our Rite, I present my apologies that I am debarred from presenting myself at the Council by circumstances beyond my control.

The Supreme Council of Scotland desired to convey through me the assurance of the cordial friendship and amity it entertains for the Supreme Council you preside over, and its desire to knit the bonds of union firm for the future.

In accordance with diplomatic usage, I have authorized the Illustrious Deputy for Massachusetts, Gen.: SAMUEL C LAWRENCE, 33°, to act for me and fill my representative jewel at the session of your Council, in order that actual representation shall be had of the Supreme Council of Scotland, by whom I am accredited, and I pray that full faith may be accorded him for this purpose. I entertain confidence that events will not again prevent my filling these responsible duties personally.

Be pleased to accept assurances of my regard and devotion.

CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY, 33°,

Representative for Scotland.

ILL.: Bro.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,

S.: G.: C.: S.: C.: for N.: J.: U.: S.: of A.: A.: S.: R.:

Ill.: Bro.: LAWRENCE presented the following communication from Ill.: Bro.: BENJAMIN DEAN, and in accordance therewith was received as the Representative of the Supreme Council of Ireland for the session:

BOSTON, Nov. 8, 1873.

ILL.: BRO.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°.

Dear Brother:—I have already sent to the M.: P.: Grand Commander to be laid before our Supreme Council, my excuse for not being present at the session of the Supreme Council on the 10th inst. My regret that I am compelled to be absent, is great. It is the more so because I am the representative of the Supreme Council of Ireland.

Our Ill.: Bro.: WOODBURY, to whom I expressed my regrets, informed me that he had appointed you his *Charge d'Affaires*, to represent him near our Supreme Council, that the Supreme Council of Scotland should not be without a personal presence.

His course, so readily suggested by his knowledge of diplomatic relations, I hasten to copy. It relieves me from one source of anxiety.

Please, therefore, by these presents, receive full authority to act for me, and represent near our Supreme Council, during my absence, the interests of our Supreme Council of Ireland. Please also make known

to our Supreme Council that I am absent wholly in consequence of duties to others, that I cannot with honor, neglect.

I have the honor to be,

Your servant and Brother,

BENJAMIN DEAN, 33°,

Representative of the Supreme Council of Ireland, near the Supreme Council S.: G.: I.: G., 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A.

The Grand Commander appointed the following Brethren to fill vacancies in standing committees for this session:

ON STATE OF THE RITE.

In place of Bro.: CHARLES W. MOORE,—Bro.: JOHN CHRISTIE.

In place of BRO.: THOMAS A. DOYLE,—Bro.: JOSEPH H. HOUGH.

ON RITUALS AND RITUALISTIC MATTER.

In place of Bro.: ORRIN WELCH,—Bro.: THOMAS J. CORSON.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

In place of Bro.: C. L. WOODBURY,—Bro.: HENRY L. PALMER

In place of Bro.: BENJAMIN DEAN,—Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS.

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

In place of Bro.: WM. S. GARDNER,—Bro.: JOHN W. SIMONS.

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

In place of Bro.: WM. P. PREBLE,—Bro.: GEORGE W. DEERING.

An application from certain members of Garibaldi Council P.: of J.:, and Lafayette Chapter of Rose Croix, of New York City, to have their charter restored, was read, and on motion referred to Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

Garibaldi Lodge of Perfection, of New York City, made application, requesting the name of their lodge to be changed to "Ancient Lodge of Perfection," which was referred to same committee.

On motion of Bro.: STOCKER, it was

Ordered, That the Supreme Council hold one session per day, commencing at ten o'clock A. M.

The Grand Commander called the attention of Committees, to whom matters were referred last year for reports at this session, to their duties, and requested their early action.

The Grand Treasurer General and the Grand Secretary General submitted their annual reports, which were referred to Committee on Finance.

On motion of Bro.: STOCKER the election of officers was made the special order for three o'clock P. M. on Wednesday.

The Committee on Returns submitted the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be published with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Returns respectfully report:

That the whole number of bodies chartered and under dispensation is 220. That the whole number of bodies making returns is 164, as follows:

MAINE.

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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members, | 123 |
| " | Chapter Rose Croix, | " " " | 144 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 147 |
| " | Lodge of Perfection, | " " " | 162 |

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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| One | Chapter of Rose Croix, Number of Members,..... | 58 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | 66 |
| " | Lodge of Perfection, | 60 |

VERMONT.

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| One | Consistory, Number of Members, | 19 |
| " | Chapter Rose Croix, | 20 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | 28 |
| " | Lodge of Perfection, | 69 |

MASSACHUSETTS.

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| One | Consistory, Number of Members, | 672 |
| Three | Chapters Rose Croix, | 427 |
| Four | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | 519 |
| Six | Lodges of Perfection, | 875 |

RHODE ISLAND.

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| Two | Consistories, Number of Members,..... | 132 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | 147 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | 147 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | 161 |

CONNECTICUT.

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| Two | Consistories, Number of Members..... | 84 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | 86 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | 86 |
| Three | Lodges of Perfection, | 200 |

NEW YORK.

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| Five | Consistories, | Number of Members, | 686 |
| Six | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 720 |
| Seven | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 769 |
| Eleven | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 1079 |

NEW JERSEY.

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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members, | 166 |
| Five | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 193 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 222 |
| Six | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 349 |

PENNSYLVANIA.

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| Four | Consistories, | Number of Members, | 505 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 511 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 544 |
| Five | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 684 |

OHIO.

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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members, | 353 |
| Two | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 369 |
| Three | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 427 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 438 |

INDIANA.

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| Three | Consistories, | Number of Members, | 223 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 256 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 309 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 405 |

ILLINOIS.

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| Five | Consistories, | Number of Members, | 778 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 867 |
| Six | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 789 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 825 |

MICHIGAN.

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| Two | Consistories, | Number of Members, | 190 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 183 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 210 |
| Three | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 238 |

WISCONSIN.

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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members, | 99 |
| Two | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " " | 103 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " " | 103 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " " | 107 |

From July 1, 1872, to July 1, 1873, the number of G.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons made in the several Lodges of Perfection in this jurisdiction are as follows:

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| Maine, | | 17 |
| New Hampshire, | | |
| Vermont, | | 58 |
| Massachusetts, | | 108 |
| Rhode Island, | | 16 |
| Connecticut, | | 26 |
| New York, | ..... | 223 |
| New Jersey, | ..... | 74 |
| Pennsylvania, | ..... | 106 |
| Ohio, | ..... | 43 |
| Indiana, | ..... | 26 |
| Illinois, | ..... | 44 |
| Michigan, | ..... | 17 |
| Wisconsin, | ..... | 18 |

Your Committee would further report the following named States entitled to nominate for the honorary grade of 33°, as follows:

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| Vermont, | | 1 |
| New Hampshire, | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, | | 14 |
| Rhode Island, | | 1 |
| Connecticut, | | 2 |
| New York, | | 6 |
| New Jersey, | ..... | 2 |
| Pennsylvania, | ..... | 3 |
| Ohio, | ..... | 10 |
| Indiana, | ..... | 12 |
| Illinois, | ..... | 21 |
| Wisconsin, | ..... | 1 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SICKELS,
ANTHONY E. STOCKER, }
JOHN SHEVILLE, } Committee.

The SUPREME COUNCIL then took a recess.

At four o'clock P. M., the SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor.

Bro.: STEVENS offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Rite be requested to report a resolution establishing the course to be adopted by this Supreme Council in relation to the decease of Honorary Members.

The Act of Incorporation, published on pp. 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63, of Proceedings of 1872, consideration of which was postponed until this session, was taken up; and on motion of Bro.: STEVENS, made the special order for eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

It was announced that Germania Lodge of Perfection, Rochester, New York, is working all the degrees, from the fourth to the fourteenth inclusive, in the German language. On motion of Bro.: EVANS, the matter was referred to the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic matters.

On motion of Bro.: GOODWIN,

Voted, That the time for conferring the thirty-third grade be fixed for Thursday, at three o'clock p. m.

GUSTAVUS W. SMITH, 33°, of the City of New York, made application for permission to renew his Oath of Fealty to this SUPREME COUNCIL, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The following memorial from Bro.: HOPKINS THOMPSON, 33°, of the City of New York, was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

NEW YORK, November 4, 1873.

To the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States:

The undersigned respectfully represents, that in 1862 he was Lieut.-Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, of which Ill.: EDMUND B. HAYS was Grand Commander: that in order to aid the union of that Supreme Council, with the one of which EDWARD A. RAYMOND was Grand Commander, he resigned his said office, but did not resign his membership; that on account of sickness in his family, long continued, he did not give attention to the matter until after the union of 1867; and that under the treaty by which the union was formed in 1867, he is entitled to rank as an "*Emeritus*" Member of the Supreme Council; and that he has taken the Oath of Fealty; he therefore prays that the matter may be examined; and that he may be enrolled as an "*Emeritus*" Member.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

HOPKINS THOMPSON, 33°,

Past P.: Gr.: Lt.-Commander.

The Grand Commander made a statement, and submitted papers and correspondence relative to the status of Bro.: ALFRED E. AMES, of Minnesota, whose name appears on the roll as an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council.

The subject was freely debated, and on motion of Bro.: JOHNSON, it was

Ordered, That the whole matter be referred to a Special Committee to consider and report thereon.

The Grand Commander appointed

Bros.: HOSMER A. JOHNSON,
WILLIAM BARRETT,
JOSEPH D. EVANS,
HENRY L. PALMER,
and JOHN W. SIMONS,

as such committee.

On motion of Bro.: PALMER, the general session was closed, and the Supreme Council went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The P.: Grand Lt.-Commander presiding.

Bro.: JOHNSON proposed that Bro.: GEO. W. DEERING, of Portland, Maine, be transferred from Emeritus to Active membership in this Supreme Council. The proposition was seconded by Bro.: DRUMMOND, and on his motion the matter was made the special order for the next Executive Session.

The following Ill.: Princes of the R.: S.:, 32°, were nominated for the Honorary grade of the 33°:

GEORGE O. TYLER, of Burlington, Vermont.
JOHN W. COSAD, of Jersey City, N. J.
GEORGE SCOTT, of Paterson, N. J.
JOHN EVANS, of Pittsburg, Pa.
HUGH McCURDY, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
EMMONS TAYLOR, of Portage, Wis.
DANIEL McLAREN, of Cincinnati, Ohio.
JOHN LONGWORTH STETTINIUS, of Cincinnati, Ohio.
HENRY C. URNER, of Cincinnati, Ohio.
BRENTON D. BABCOCK, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The SUPREME COUNCIL was called from labor until ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 12, 1873.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M.

The minutes of yesterday's transactions were read and approved.

There were present additional Active Members, as follows:

THOMAS R. AUSTIN, of Ind. CLINTON F. PAIGE, of N. Y.

Also Honorary Members as follows:

E. B. STEVENS, N. R. RUCKLE,

W. F. CUSHING, R. A. BURY.

JAMES H. HOPKINS,

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was accepted:

Your committee would respectfully report, that there remains upon the records as referred, to be called up: 1st, The Subject of the Court of Honor; 2d, Resolution to increase the pay and mileage of members; 3d, Bodies not making returns; 4th, Diploma of the 33°; 5th, Inventory of properties of the Supreme Council; 6th, *Status* of Honorary Members; 7th, Revision of Constitution, and printing it; and respectfully recommend that the subjects be taken up and disposed of.

N. H. GOULD, } Committee.
R. M. BARKER, }

The Grand Marshal announced that Ill.: Brother THEODORE S. PARVIN, 33°, Active Member of the Southern SUPREME COUNCIL, was in waiting to visit this Council.

The Grand Commander deputized the P.: Grand Lieut.-Commander to introduce the Illustrious visitor.

Ill.: Bro.: PARVIN was introduced, received with the honors of the grade, and cordially welcomed by the G.: Commander. Bro.: PARVIN eloquently responded; and was escorted to a seat in the Orient.

The Gr.: Commander read a letter from Ill.: Bro.: LUCIUS R. PAIGE, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this

session—which was received, and on motion of Bro.: GOULD, Bro.: PAIGE, was excused.

The Gr.: Commander also read a letter from Bro.: JOHN CAVEN, giving his reasons for not attending at this session, and on motion of Bro.: GOULD, he was excused.

Bro.: STOCKER, presented a petition for a dispensation to open a Lodge of Perfection to be located at Lancaster, Pa., which was referred to Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

Bro.: CARSON from the Committee on Rituals made a report upon the secret work, which was considered in detail, adopted and ordered to be promulgated.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted the following reports, which were accepted, and the recommendations and resolutions adopted:

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General of the 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report their approval of the action of the Council of Deliberation for the State of New York, recommending that the charters of Auburn Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Auburn, Jerusalem Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Penn Yan, and Penn Yan Grand Lodge of Perfection, at Penn Yan, be declared forfeited, they not having made returns or paid dues for many years. Therefore—

Resolved, That the charters of said bodies are hereby revoked, and the Deputy of the District instructed to obtain the same and forward them to the Secretary-General of this Supreme Council.

CHARLES W. CARTER, }
GEORGE W. DEERING, } Committee.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would further report: That we fully agree with the recommendations of the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, that the charters of the four bodies at Terre Haute, Indiana, should be revoked, they having paid no dues for 1871, '72 or '73. Also those of Cambridge Lodge of Perfection, Cambridge, Indiana; Anderson Lodge of Perfection, Anderson, Indiana; Hamilton Lodge of Perfection, and Logan Council, P. of J. Therefore—

Resolved, That the charters of Lyndon A. Smith Consistory, Terre Haute; Vigo Chapter of Rose Croix, Terre Haute; Hamilton Council Princes of Jerusalem, Terre Haute; Terre Haute Lodge of Perfection, Terre Haute; Cambridge Lodge of Perfection, Cambridge; Anderson Lodge of Perfection, Anderson; Hamilton Lodge of Perfection, Hamil-

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ton ; Logan Council Princes of Jerusalem, Logansport (all in the State of Indiana), be and are hereby revoked, and the Deputy of the District instructed to obtain the same and forward them to the Secretary General, to be placed in the Archives of this Supreme Council.

CHARLES W. CARTER, } Committee.
GEORGE W. DEERING, }

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, would further report that Richmond Consistory, Richmond, Ind.; Richmond Chapter of Rose Croix, Richmond, Ind.; Richmond Council Princes of Jerusalem, Richmond, Ind.; Richmond Lodge of Perfection, Richmond, Ind.; Zion Lodge of Perfection, Adrian, Michigan; Darius Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Adrian, Michigan; Mount Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix, Adrian, Michigan, having voted to surrender their charters, we would recommend that the surrender be accepted, and the Deputies of said District be instructed to receive the charters and forward them to the Secretary General, to be placed in the Archives of this Supreme Council.

CHARLES W. CARTER, } Committee.
GEORGE W. DEERING, }

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was received, and the recommendations severally adopted :

The Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report that they have considered the decision of the Grand Commander in relation to the powers of an Active or Honorary Member of one Supreme Council, who has permanently or temporarily removed into the jurisdiction of another Supreme Council. His reasons and authority being set forth at length, and his conclusions the logical and necessary sequence, it only remains for us to recommend that the Supreme Council approve and confirm the said decision.

In the matter of Bro.: HOPKINS THOMPSON, 33°, who asks to be placed upon the roll of Emeritus Members, we find upon investigation, that in making up the lists of membership his name was inadvertently left out, but for which fact, it would long since have occupied the position he now asks for it. As he cannot in justice be held responsible for the omission of his name at the proper time, we recommend that the error be now rectified and that he be hereafter recognized as an Emeritus Member of this Supreme Council.

Bro.: GUSTAVUS W. SMITH, 33°, who has resided out of the jurisdiction for some ten years, now asks to be permitted to sign the oath of fealty. His record being good, we recommend that his request be granted.

H. L. PALMER, *for the Committee.*

Bro.: STEVENS, in behalf of the Active Members from Illinois, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the death of Ill.: Bros.: NATHAN FAY PRENTICE and GEORGE W. PETTEE, Honorary Members of this Supreme Council, we have lost two warm and zealous friends of our Masonic Rites.

Resolved, That so much of the Proceedings of the Illinois Council of Deliberation, as relates to them, be published with the Proceedings of this session.

The Supreme Council then went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Bro.: GEORGE W. DEERING, of Portland, Maine, was elected an Active Member of this Supreme Council.

Bros.: GEORGE O. TYLER, of Burlington, Vt.,
JOHN W. COSAD, of Jersey City, N. J.,
GEORGE SCOTT, of Paterson, N. J.,
JOHN EVANS, of Pittsburg, Pa.,
HUGH McCURDY, of Grand Rapids, Mich.,
EMMONS TAYLOR, of Portage, Wis.,
DAVID McLAREN, of Cincinnati,
HENRY C. URNER, of Cincinnati,
JOHN LONGWORTH STETTINIUS, of Cincinnati,
and BRENTON D. BABCOCK, of Cleveland, Ohio,

were duly elected to receive the thirty-third grade.

The following Ill.: Princes of R.: S.:, were nominated for the 33°:

SAMUEL JONES, of New York City.
JOHN G. BARKER, of Brooklyn, N. Y.
JOHN L. SAGE, of Rochester, N. Y.
WM. E. LATHROP, " "
JOHN LUTES, " "
JOSEPH W. SMITH, of Indiana.
WILLIAM D. STRATTON, of Boston, Mass.
CHARLES KIMBALL, of Lowell, Mass.

The SUPREME COUNCIL then took a recess.

Labor was resumed in Executive Session at 2:30 P. M.

Ill.: Bro.: GEORGE W. DEERING was introduced and received as an Active Member of this SUPREME COUNCIL.

On motion, the Special Order for election of officers was postponed until eleven o'clock Thursday morning.

The Executive Session was then called off, and labor resumed in

GENERAL SESSION.

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies, made the following report, which was accepted. That portion of report, relating to the Bodies at Springfield, Illinois, was referred to Committee on State of the Rite, and the remainder of report and the recommendations were adopted:

TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL:

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the several papers referred to them for consideration, and submit the following as the result of their labors :

WISCONSIN.

Ill.: Bro.: ALVIN B. ALDEN, the Deputy of the District, states that "the Bodies have done a reasonable amount of work, and throughout the State an increased interest in the prosperity of the Rite is clearly perceptible."

A Council of Deliberation was held on the 17th of June last, which was fully attended. No action was had which would seem to require the consideration of this Supreme Council.

ILLINOIS.

The report of Ill.: Bro.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT is written in an able and perspicuous style. The Brethren, he says, "prove their zeal and determination to do everything in their power to advance the interests of the Rite."

A Council of Deliberation was held in June last at Oriental Hall, Chicago, at which a communication was received from the Bodies in the Valley of Springfield, which communication, together with the Ill.: Deputy's report on the same, your committee would recommend be referred to the Committee on the State of the Rite.

We regret to see from his report that the Ill.: Deputy positively refuses a re-election.

INDIANA.

The report of Ill.: Deputy JOHN CAVEN is a concise business statement of the financial condition of the Bodies in his jurisdiction. No Council of Deliberation has been held.

The Ill.: Deputy recommends that the surrender of their charters by the Bodies at Richmond be accepted, in which your committee recommend that this Supreme Council concur.

MICHIGAN.

The Ill.: Deputy, D. BURNHAM TRACY, in his excellent report, states that "the A.: and A.: Rite in his jurisdiction is steadily moving forward and enjoying a fair degree of prosperity." All the Bodies except those at Adrian are at work. No Council of Deliberation was held during the year, as there seemed to be no special demand for it.

The charters of the Bodies in Adrian, surrendered by a unanimous vote of the two Bodies, are in the possession of the Ill.: Deputy, and will be returned to the Supreme Council at the present session.

OHIO.

Ill.: Deputy E. T. CARSON, in his admirable report, very truly remarks that "A few good working bodies with proper accommodations, and the degrees impressively rendered, is certainly very much better than a large number of 'paper bodies' conferring the degrees in a slovenly manner by communication."

There being nothing special in this District, no Council of Deliberation was held.

NEW YORK.

Ill.: Deputy ORRIN WELCH, in his report, shows that an active interest in the affairs of the Rite exists in his jurisdiction. A Council of Deliberation very largely attended, was held at the City of Albany, in February last, at which recommendations were passed for the granting of warrants to Adonai Lodge of Perfection, at Newburg, and to Yannun-da-sis Lodge of Perfection, Utica, and for the recall of the warrants of five bodies therein named, who have ceased to work for three years and upwards.

Your committee would ask that these recommendations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

NEW JERSEY.

The extended report of the Ill.: Deputy JOHN SHEVILLE for this actively working District, shows a most admirable condition of prosperity and harmony. All the Ill.: Bros.: seem to vie with each other in promoting the A.: and A.: S.: Rite.

A Council of Deliberation was held at Trenton on the sixth day of August, 1873.

Your committee would ask that the recommendation of said Council of Deliberation, heartily concurred in by the Ill.: Deputy, for the granting of charters to various Bodies in the Valley of Paterson, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Ill.: Deputy, ANTHONY E. STOCKER, in his exceedingly well written report says "The interest in the A.: and A.: S.: Rite now thoroughly awakened, has known no abatement in this District during the past year. Activity and zeal are shown in all the Bodies, and more attention is given to the work and to the providing accommodations and facilities for a more imposing exemplification of the Degrees."

A Council of Deliberation was held at Philadelphia on the fifth day of December, 1873.

CONNECTICUT.

Ill.: Deputy CHARLES W. CARTER, in his report remarks that "The past year has been one of unexampled prosperity. The Bodies of the A.: and A.: S.: Rite have placed themselves in condition to merit the companionship of the most exalted; none but Ks. T. have entered our Secret Vault, and therefore we are honored by the Craft below, and stronger for its having been so."

A Council of Deliberation was held at the City of Norwich, on the twenty-third day of April, 1873. "Nothing of importance appearing, Council closed in form."

RHODE ISLAND.

Ill.: Deputy N. H. GOULD, in his charmingly written report, rejoices that continued harmony and acceptable activity exist in all the Bodies of the jurisdiction; mourns the removal by death of a S.: P.: of R.: S.:, SAMUEL LEWIS, at the ripe age of 70 years. "May his virtues be emulated and his memory revered."

No Council of Deliberation was held.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Ill.: Deputy SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, in a beautiful and very complete report, congratulates his brethren "upon the general prosperity of the Rite, of which most of the Bodies in the State have fortunately enjoyed a full share."

A Council of Deliberation was held at Boston on the 23d day of May, 1873, at which a resolution was adopted respectfully petitioning the Supreme Council to issue, free of charge, a new charter for Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, its original charter having been consumed at the great fire at Boston, Nov. 9 and 10, 1872, which petition your Committee ask to be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

MAINE.

Ill.: Deputy WM. P. PREBLE, in his brief but excellent report, remarks, "That now for the first time since the establishment of the ineffable degrees in Maine, have all the subordinate Bodies in this District been in a situation and able to confer the degrees in their respec-

tive Bodies in a manner that we should be willing for our most eminent Brothers of other Districts to witness."

The Rite being in such a prosperous condition, and there being no business of importance to come before it, no Council of Deliberation was held.

Your Committee would feel that they were remiss in their duty, did they not congratulate this Supreme Council on the fidelity, zeal and integrity of the several Deputies of the various Districts, and on the general prosperity and increasing energy of the subordinate Bodies of the A.: and A.: S.: Rite in this jurisdiction. That this may continue, extend and increase is our earnest desire.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. R. AUSTIN,
W. A. STEVENS,
RICHARD M. BARKER, }
Committee.

On motion of Bro.: GOULD, the Grand Secretary General was directed to furnish a duplicate charter to Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, of Boston, Mass., without charge, the original charter having been destroyed by fire in Boston, in 1872.

Bro.: BLANEY asked permission to have one of the old diplomas of the 33° filled up and sealed by this Supreme Council, free of charge, he to furnish the blank, and the permission was granted.

Bro.: GOULD called attention to the several subjects submitted in the report of Committee on Unfinished Business. The Grand Commander stated that in relation to the diploma for 33°, the committee would report during the session, and in relation to revision of Constitution, that Bro.: WOODBURY had lost all his books and papers by the fire, and had not been able to accomplish the work assigned to him.

On motion, Committee on Revision of the Constitutions was continued until next annual session.

Bro.: STOCKER offered sundry amendments to the Constitutions in relation to the appointment of Trustees and to the disposition of the funds of the SUPREME COUNCIL, and moved their reference to the Committee on Constitutions and Laws, and the motion was adopted.

Bro.: MCCLENACHAN offered a resolution relative to nominations for the thirty-third grade, and it was referred to the Committee on Constitutions and Laws.

Bro.: MCCLENACHAN proposed the following amendment to the Constitutions:

That Article 22 of Constitution of the Supreme Council be amended so as to read that the minimum fees for conferring the degrees of the Consistory, shall be forty dollars;

and moved its reference to the Committee on Constitutions and Laws, but the motion was lost.

He then moved that the proposed amendment to the Constitution be adopted: after discussion the motion was put, and declared lost.

Bro.: MCCLENACHAN then moved that the Constitution be so amended that the minimum fees for Consistory degrees be thirty-five dollars. The subject was freely discussed, and the proposed amendment rejected.

The Special Committee on the status of Bro.: ALFRED E. AMES submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to which was referred the question of the status of Ill.: Bro.: A. E. AMES, respectfully beg leave to report:

That they have examined the documents submitted, and are of the opinion that Ill.: Bro.: A. E. AMES is legally in possession of the grade of Inspector-General thirty-third and last degree. It appears that the Ill.: Brother signed the oath of fealty to this Supreme Council, April 30, 1868, and by that act became entitled to a seat in this Supreme Council as an Honorary Member.

H. A. JOHNSON,
JAS. D. EVANS,
JOHN W. SIMONS,
H. L. PALMER, }
Committee.

The Special Order—the consideration of Act of Incorporation of the Trustees of this Supreme Council—was on motion of Bro.: STOCKER taken up.

Bro.: STOCKER offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for this Supreme Council to avail itself of the provisions of the Act passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts, incorporating a Board of Trustees for this Supreme Council.

Bro.: GOODWIN offered the following resolution relative to territorial jurisdiction, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitutions and Laws be instructed to prepare and present a rule defining the Territorial Jurisdiction of subordinate Bodies in reference to each other, and to the lines of the Districts of the Deputies of the Supreme Council.

Bro.: MCCLENACHAN offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Constitutions and Laws:

Resolved, That every newly created Rose Croix Knight, desiring advancement, shall not be received in an areopagus until after a probation of three months, and that subsequently to the reception of the degrees thereof, an additional ballot shall be had, and a further probation of three months shall be required before advancement to the grade of Sublime P.: of the R.: Secret. All action to the contrary to be subject to the dispensation of the Grand Commander or of the Deputy of the District under cause of emergency to them submitted.

On motion of Bro.: ALDEN, the amendments relative to *status* of Honorary Members, on pp. 56 and 57 of Proceedings 1872 (action on which was postponed until this session), were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The SUPREME COUNCIL then went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Bros. JOSEPH W. SMITH, of Indiana,
WILLIAM D. STRATTON, of Massachusetts,
CHARLES KIMBALL, " "
SAMUEL JONES, of New York,
JOHN G. BARKER, " "
JOHN L. SAGE, " "
WM. E. LATHROP, " "
JOHN LUTES, " "

were elected to receive the thirty-third grade.

NATHANIEL F. BONSALL, of Indiana, was nominated for the thirty-third grade.

The SUPREME COUNCIL was called from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, Nov. 13, 1873.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M.

Minutes of yesterday's transactions read and approved.

Additional Active Members present :

Ill.: Bro.: ORRIN WELCH, of N. Y., Ill.: Bro.: AARON KING, of N. H.,
" " HENRY C. BANKS, " " " WILLIAM BARRETT, "

ALSO additional Honorary Members :

FRANK A. MCKEAN,

J. P. C. COTTRILL.

The following communication was read by the Grand Commander, and on motion ordered to be placed upon the records; and the thanks of the SUPREME COUNCIL tendered to the Pittsburgh brethren for their courtesy:

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8, 1873.

HON. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.:

MY DEAR SIR AND ILL.: BRO.:

At a meeting of Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, held Nov. 6th, it was unanimously resolved to invite the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction to hold its next annual session at Perfection Hall in this city.

At the time this action was taken the fact was forgotten that according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Supreme Council, the next session must be held in Boston. I nevertheless feel it to be my duty to communicate this invitation in order to testify to the members of the Supreme Council the esteem in which they are held by their Pittsburgh Brethren, and to express the hope that at as early a day as possible, we may have the pleasure of bidding them welcome to our city.

With the expression of my high regard for yourselves and the other members of the Supreme Council,

I remain, my very dear and Ill.: Brother,

Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL HARPER, 33°,

T.: P.: G.: Master Gourgas G.: L.: of P.:

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted the following reports, which were received and the recommendations severally adopted:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully recommend that a dispensation be granted to Bros.: WILLIAM I. FORDNEY, 32°, THEODORE H. REED, 32°, GEORGE I. HOOVER, 32°, and seven

others, to form and open a Lodge of Perfection to be located at Lancaster, Pa., under the name and title of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection.

CHARLES W. CARTER, } Committee.
GEORGE W. DEERING, }

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of the Brethren of La Fayette Chapter of Rose Croix, and Garibaldi Council of Princes of Jerusalem, of New York City, for a return of their charters, now in Archives of the Supreme Council, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this time to grant the prayer of the petitioners. Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER, } Committee.
GEORGE W. DEERING, }

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of Garibaldi Lodge of Perfection, of New York City, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the name of "Garibaldi" Lodge of Perfection be changed to "Ancient Lodge of Perfection" and that a new charter be issued to Ancient Lodge of Perfection, of New York City, and the old charter of Garibaldi Lodge be returned to the Secretary General and deposited in the Archives of the Supreme Council, the exchange of charters to be made under direction of the Deputy of the District.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER, } Committee.
GEORGE W. DEERING, }

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would recommend that charters be granted to the following Bodies, viz :

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, at Paterson, New Jersey ;
Adoniram Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Paterson, New Jersey ;
Adoniram Chapter of Rose Croix, at Paterson, New Jersey ;
Ya-nun-da-sis Lodge of Perfection, at Utica, New York ;
Adonai Lodge of Perfection, at Newburgh, New York ;
Joseph W. Roby Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Burlington, Vt., and

Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, at Burlington, Vermont.

Their returns being complete, and their requests unanimously recommended by the Councils of Deliberation to which they are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. CARTER, } Committee.
GEO. W. DEERING, }

The Committee on Foreign Relations rendered the following report, which was received and the recommendations severally adopted :

The Committee on Foreign Relations respectfully report that they have given careful consideration to the various matters treated in the annual address of the Grand Commander, referred to them, and submit the following as their conclusions :

While we rejoice in the fact that communications have been opened with the Supreme Council of Scotland and representatives exchanged, we still feel it our duty to adhere to our action of last year and leave the question of jurisdiction in New Brunswick to be settled by the parties directly interested.

We are entirely satisfied of the regularity of the Supreme Council of Greece, and recommend that it be recognized by this Grand Body, and Representatives exchanged.

We approve the establishment of relations with the Supreme Council of New Granada, now Columbia, and recommend the confirmation of the Brethren named as representatives.

The renewal of difficulties among the Brethren in Brazil, is a matter greatly to be deplored, but one for which they alone are responsible ; and while we cannot undertake to settle their difficulties, we may be permitted to remind them that their dissensions are not confined in their effects to themselves, but reflect in some degree on the Fraternity wherever dispersed. Our mission is eminently peaceful, nor can we well conceive of a more regretful proceeding than a series of internecine disputes such as, for some years past, have made up the sum of Brazilian masonry. Surrounded and criticised by the most bitter and unrelenting enemy of the Institution, they should for its sake stand together as Brethren, and not waste their strength in ventilating personal rivalries. We recommend that this Supreme Council recognize neither party for the present, hoping that before our next annual session, they will have adjusted their differences, and attained a masonic and peaceful organization.

In the Argentine Republic difficulties have arisen, but as up to this time only one side of the question has been heard, we recommend that the subject be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to ascertain all the facts and report to our next annual assembly.

It is respectfully recommended that the Representatives of this Supreme Council and that of Mexico be confirmed.

Your Committee still entertain some doubt as to the Supreme Council of Cuba, and would recommend as a matter of precaution, especially considering the present state of affairs, there, that the subject be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations for further investigation before entering into renewed relations with that Body.

That no reply has been sent to the report submitted to the Grand Orient of France touching the Louisiana question is, in our judgment, the proper and dignified course. seeing that the French Committee have evidently been at considerable pains to avoid the real question at issue, namely, the indefeasible right of American and all other regular masonic

Powers to exercise *sole* and unquestioned jurisdiction in their respective territories. Whenever the Grand Orient shall manifest a disposition to approach this question in a proper and masonic spirit, we shall be happy to consider what they may offer; until then, silence is our true answer to their efforts to argue outside issues.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
A. G. GOODALL,
JOHN W. SIMONS,
} Committee.

The Committee on the State of the Rite made report as follows:

The Committee on Condition of the Rite, to whom was referred that portion of the Sov.: Gr.: Commander's address in relation to that subject, beg respectfully to report :

That we view with great pleasure and satisfaction the manifest prosperous condition of the order throughout the entire jurisdiction, not only in its increase of membership, which has made unprecedented progress in that direction, but in the elevated moral position of the gentlemen forming the material of this accession to the Rite. The hitherto anxiety of the brethren to crowd their Halls by numbers, instead of feeling a greater solicitude in the selection of the components to strengthen the social edifice they were erecting, has been obviously modified within the last year or two. Now we find, in the main, a more deliberate scrutiny into the character and moral standing of the parties passing the ordeal of the ballot box, which must be exceedingly gratifying to every member of the Order.

In regard to the suggestion of the Most Puissant, that he be empowered to select a suitable person to represent the Supreme Council in Vermont, your committee concur fully in the utility of such an appointment.

We also concur heartily with the Most Puissant in his strictures regarding the disposition to intemperance within the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council by some of our brethren. We do not feel it necessary to emphasize more strongly the evil that will result to the Order should this objectionable excessive habit be indulged.

In view of giving the foregoing a tangible form for the action of the Council, we suggest the following resolution for the adoption of the Supreme Council :

Resolved, That the Gr.: Commander be, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint an Inspector General to superintend the Rite in the State of Vermont, or if necessary, to select and appoint a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret to act in that capacity.

Resolved, That the bodies within this jurisdiction should by every lawful means discourage the excessive use of intoxicating liquors among their membership, and to this end, the Supreme Council will sustain

the action of its subordinates in any proper disciplinary regulation they may adopt to check and reform such an improper course among their respective members.

The committee beg further to report the following resolutions as embracing the spirit of the resolution referred to it, regarding the percentage of Honorary Members to which each State may hereafter be entitled to propose:

Resolved, That in each and every year hereafter, each State shall be credited with, and Active Members have the right to nominate for the Honorary grade of the thirty-third degree, one candidate for every one hundred Gr.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons, made within its jurisdiction during the masonic year dating from July, 1873, and no more, without reference to the lodge or locality in which they shall be made. But this shall not affect the number already standing on record to the credit of any State, and *provided* that the fractional credits now existing shall be doubled in the new computation.

Resolved, That in every year after giving the credits as provided for in the foregoing resolution there shall remain a surplus, or unappropriated hundred of the Gr.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons made in any jurisdiction, said unappropriated number shall, for the equitable adjustment of credit, be added to the number of Gr.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons made in said jurisdiction during the next succeeding year or years.

In regard to subject of memorial resolutions referred to your committee, we offer the following:

Resolved, That the Active Members in each State be a standing committee on memorial resolutions in all cases of the death of any Honorary Member of this Supreme Council in their respective States.

In reference to the condition of the Bodies located in the Valley of Springfield, Ill., as reported by the Deputy Inspector General, your committee would respectfully report, that the charters of the several Bodies at that place, viz: the H. A. Johnson Grand Lodge of Perfection, Rensselaer Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Lavelly Chapter Rose Croix, and Carson Consistory S.: P.: Royal Secret, be and the same are hereby revoked.

That the dues of those several Bodies to this Supreme Council be remitted.

That the Deputy Inspector General for that State appoint a committee or send a deputation to wait upon the late officers of those Bodies and receive from them all the documents and property in possession of the Bodies rightfully belonging to the Supreme Council, and that the same be forwarded by the Deputy Inspector General to the Secretary General, to be deposited in its archives.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. EVANS,
JOHN CHRISTIE,
JOSEPH H. HOUGH, } Committee.

Which was on motion received, and the recommendations were adopted and the resolutions severally received a passage.

Bro.: LAWRENCE stated that Bros.: CHAS. W. MOORE and WINSLOW LEWIS, of Massachusetts, requested him to inform the SUPREME COUNCIL that the impaired condition of their health precludes their attendance at this session, and that they respectfully ask that their absence be excused.

On motion of Bro.: ALDEN, Bros.: MOORE and LEWIS were excused for non-attendance; and the regrets of the SUPREME COUNCIL expressed that they should be absent, especially for such a cause, with the earnest wishes of the members for their speedy and complete restoration to health.

Bro.: LAWRENCE also stated that Bro.: WILLIAM PARKMAN, of Massachusetts, was prevented by unavoidable circumstances from attending at this session.

On motion of Bro.: ALDEN, he was excused.

On motion of Bro.: STEVENS, the Special Order for eleven o'clock this morning was postponed until two o'clock P. M.

The following communication, inviting the members of the SUPREME COUNCIL to visit the rooms of the Board of Trade, was, on motion of Bro.: STOCKER, accepted, with the thanks of this SUPREME COUNCIL.

BOARD OF TRADE, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
CHICAGO, Nov. 13, 1873.

HON. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, *presiding.*

Dear Sir:—I take pleasure, in behalf of this Board, in extending to you, and through you to the members of the Supreme Council of the A.: and A.: Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, now in session in this city, together with their guests, an invitation to visit the rooms of this Association at any time that may suit their convenience while visiting our city.

Our hours for business are from 10 A. M. to 1½ P. M., and from 3 to 4 P. M., but the rooms may be visited at almost any hour during the day.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. E. CULVER, *President.*

On motion of Bro.: STOCKER, the time for conferring the thirty-third grade upon Bro.: B. B. HILL, of Pa., was extended until the close of next annual session.

Committee on Rituals made report on the ritual of the thirtieth degree, which, on motion of Bro.: STOCKER, was approved and adopted, and re-committed to Committee, with instructions to promulgate in the manner heretofore provided.

Bro.: MCVICKER extended an invitation for the members of the SUPREME COUNCIL to visit his Theatre this evening, for which the thanks of the SUPREME COUNCIL were tendered.

The SUPREME COUNCIL went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS submitted the name of JESSE B. ANTHONY, of Troy, N. Y., for the thirty-third grade.

Bro.: WILLIAM BARRETT nominated Bro.: JOSEPH W. FELLOWS, of Manchester, N. H., for the thirty-third grade.

The SUPREME COUNCIL then took a recess until two o'clock P. M.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor in Executive Session at two o'clock, and proceeded with the Special Order.

On motion of Bro.: BANKS, Bros.: BANKS, TRACY and DEERING were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for officers of the Supreme Council for the ensuing term.

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| III.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND | was re-elected | M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: |
| " ENOCH T. CARSON | " " | P.: Gr.: Lieut.-Com.: |
| " CLINTON F. PAIGE | " " | Gr.: Min.: of State. |
| " HEMAN ELY | " " | Gr.: Treas.: Gen. |

A communication from Bro.: SICKELS was received, declining a re-election, and thereupon the election of Grand

Secretary General was laid over until eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

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| Ill.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE | was elected Gr.: Keeper of Archives. |
| " ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON | " " Gr.: M.: of Ceremonies. |
| " H. STANLEY GOODWIN | " " Gr.: Marshal General. |
| " ROBERT H. FOSS | " " Gr.: Standard Bearer. |
| " WILLIAM R. HIGBY | " " Gr.: Captain of the Guard. |
| " GEORGE W. DEERING | " " Deputy for Maine. |
| " AARON KING | " " N. H. and Vt. |
| " SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE | " " Massachusetts. |
| " NATHAN H. GOULD | " " Rhode Island. |
| " CHARLES W. CARTER | " " Connecticut. |
| " ORRIN WELCH | " " New York. |
| " JONH SHEVILLE | " " New Jersey. |
| " ANTHONY E. STOCKER | " " Pennsylvania. |
| " D. BURNHAM TRACY | " " Michigan. |
| " ENOCH T. CARSON | " " Ohio. |
| " ALVIN B. ALDEN | " " Wisconsin. |

On motion, the election for Deputies of Indiana and Illinois was laid over until to-morrow morning.

Resumed labor in

GENERAL SESSION.

Bro.: SIMONS offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, The Supreme Council, 33°, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, has caused to be presented to this Supreme Council a copy of the book of constitutions of the Ancient Accepted Rite, prepared by Ill.: Bro.: ALBERT PIKE, and

Whereas, Appreciating the spirit of this presentation, we deem it our duty to acknowledge the fraternal gift, therefore

Resolved, That the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, in accepting the copy of the book of Constitutions, presented to it by its Peer, the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, desires to acknowledge the graceful act as a renewed evidence of the kind feelings existing between the two Powers, and as a pledge of their and our willingness to unite in all labors calculated to advance the best interests of our Rite.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Southern Supreme Council, with the assurance of our heartiest thanks, and our most earnest desire that our Heavenly Father may have them, col-

lectively and individually, in His holy keeping, and ever aid and protect them in their labors for the advancement of the cause in which we are alike engaged.

The following named Princes of the R.: S.: were introduced, and the thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon them in due form, and they were duly received and proclaimed Illustrious Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree, and Honorary Members of the **SUPREME COUNCIL** for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States:

Bros.: **GEORGE O. TYLER**, of Burlington, Vt.,
JOHN W. COSAD, of Jersey City, N. J.,
GEORGE SCOTT, of Paterson, N. J.,
HUGH MCGURDY, of Grand Rapids, Mich.,
EMMONS TAYLOR, of Portage City, Wis.,
JOHN L. STETTINIUS, of Cincinnati, Ohio,
HENRY C. URNER, of Cincinnati, Ohio,
BRENTON D. BABCOCK, of Cleveland, Ohio,
ROBERT J. SHAW, of New Albany, Indiana,
ALGERNON S. CHASE, of New Albany, Indiana,
GILBERT W. BARNARD, of Chicago, Illinois,
D. J. MARTIN, of Allentown, Penn.,
GILMAN T. WHEELER, of Ridgeway, Penn.

The Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies made further report as follows, which was accepted:

To the Supreme Council:

Your Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation would respectfully submit a further report:

NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT.

Ill.: Deputy **WILLIAM BARRETT** reports that there has not been any work in the District of New Hampshire during the past year.

"This result," he thinks, "is not to be attributed to any want of interest in the Rite, but rather to the fact that this field of masonic labor was early and pretty thoroughly worked."

As acting Deputy for the District of Vermont, he is pleased to be able to report a most flattering condition of the Rite.

Dispensations have been granted to establish "Joseph W. Roby Council of Princes of Jerusalem," "Delta Chapter Rose Croix" and "Vermont Consistory." The returns indicate a large amount of work, and the District is now fairly started in her masonic labors, with very flat-

tering prospects of prosperity from the zeal and intelligence of the Brethren in Vermont.

THOS. R. AUSTIN,
W. A. STEVENS,
RICHARD M. BARKER,

Committee.

On motion of Bro.: C. F. PAIGE, it was

Ordered. That the next annual session be held in the City of Boston, Mass., on the third Tuesday of August, 1874.

Bro.: McCLENACHAN offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Aurora Grata Consistory shall have permission to hold alternate meetings in Brooklyn and New York City, until the further order of this Supreme Council.

Bro.: LAWRENCE, for the Committee, submitted a design for diploma of the thirty-third degree, and the report was referred to Committee on Rituals, &c.

Bro.: McCLENACHAN moved to strike out the word "Scottish" wherever it appears in the Constitutions, and the proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Constitutions and Laws.

On motion of Bro.: STEVENS, Bros.: T. T. GURNEY, of Chicago, and A. P. MORIARTY, of New York, were requested to exhibit uniforms for Consistories on Friday afternoon.

SUPREME COUNCIL was called from labor to refreshment until Friday at ten o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, Nov. 14, 1873.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M.

Minutes of yesterday's transactions read and approved.

Bro.: SICKELS presented the following letter from Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS:

PENN YAN, N. Y., November 12, 1873.

ILL.: DANIEL SICKELS, 38°, *Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:*

Dear Sir and Ill.: Bro.:—Instead of writing this note of apology, I had hoped to have been in Supreme Council with you to-day. But an attack of typhoid fever in the last of September, which prostrated all my vital energies for weeks, and from which I have not so far recov-

ered, as my medical adviser says, to make it safe or prudent to make a journey to Chicago, forbids my attendance. This is to me the more painful because I had to ask to be excused last year, and I had indulged the hope of being enabled this year to participate in your counsels and to greet my Ill.: Bros.: of the Councils, and especially my esteemed brethren of Illinois, whose spirit and energy need not my feeble commendation. This attack of illness, however, with its returning convalescence, promises to restore me to better health than I have for a long time enjoyed, and that in the future I shall not be remiss in any of my duties as an Active Member of the Supreme Council.

Be pleased to make this excuse known to my Ill.: Bros.: of the Council, with my heartfelt wishes for a pleasant and beneficial result of its unremitting and earnest labors for the welfare of the Rite.

Sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN L. LEWIS, 88°,

Past Sov.: Gr.: Com.:

Voted, That Bro.: LEWIS be excused from attendance, and that the Supreme Council tender to him their sympathies and their hopes that his expectations of restoration to better health will be fully realized.

Bro.: GOULD proposed sundry amendments to the Constitution, which were referred to Committee on Constitution and Laws; also a resolution increasing the mileage and *per diem* of members, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committee on Dispensations and Charters made further report as follows, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred so much of the Gr.: Commander's address as relates to the continuing of dispensations, report that the recommendations to continue the dispensations of Vermont Sovereign Consistory, Burlington, Vt.; Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, Troy, N. Y.; Delta Council Princes of Jerusalem, Troy, N. Y.; E. G. Storer Gr.: Lodge of Perfection, New Haven, Conn.; and Germania Gr.: Lodge of Perfection, Rochester, N. Y., until the next session of the Supreme Council be, and is hereby approved, and that Vermont Sovereign Consistory, Burlington, Vt., and Germania Lodge of Perfection, Rochester, N. Y., have permission to add to their dispensations the names of those brethren who have been made up to Nov. 11, 1873, and to elect new officers, subject to the approval of the Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

CHAS. W. CARTER.
GEO. W. DEERING,
AARON KING, } Committee.

The Grand Commander gave notice that the thirty-third degree would be conferred at two o'clock P. M.

Committee on Constitution and Laws made the following reports, which were accepted, and the recommendations and amendments were severally adopted :

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws, to whom was referred the resolution of Ill.: Bro.: GOULD, proposing to change the term of office of the Sov.: Gr.: Commander by making it an *ad vitam* office, have carefully considered the subject, and would respectfully report that your committee deem it to be inexpedient to make such an alteration of our Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. EVANS, *for the Committee.*

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Laws have had under consideration the proposition of Bro.: STOCKER, to amend the Constitution, and they recommend the adoption of the accompanying amendments.

JOSEPH D. EVANS,
HENRY L. PALMER,
for the Committee.

Amend Article 7 so that it shall read as follows :

ART. 7. The Ill.: GRAND SECRETARY GENERAL shall keep a register of all the work, deliberations and transactions of the SUPREME COUNCIL, and transcribe the same in a book kept for that purpose. He shall keep a faithful copy of all letters and communications emanating from the SUPREME COUNCIL, and attest and seal, as the case may be, every order, mandate, or act of the body. Every diploma, brief or letter patent issued by the Council shall be attested by his signature and the seal of the Council. He shall furnish all the subordinate bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction with blank returns in triplicate, by the first day of June in each year. He shall receive all moneys due the SUPREME COUNCIL, except those collected by the Deputies, shall report on the first day of each month to the Sov.: Grand Commander and at the annual session of the SUPREME COUNCIL, a detailed account of all moneys received by him or due the Council, and at each time of making such report, shall pay all moneys in his hands to the Gr.: Treasurer General. He shall receive such compensation for his services, as the SUPREME COUNCIL shall from time to time designate, and his office shall be in the City of New York.

Add a new Article, as Article 8, as follows :

ART. 8. The GR.: TREASURER GENERAL and GR.: SECRETARY GENERAL, previously to their respective installations as such, shall each

give bonds to, and with sureties to be approved by the Sov.: Gr.: Commander in such penalty as the SUPREME COUNCIL shall prescribe, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, and for accounting for and paying over all moneys and delivering all property that shall come into their hands in accordance with the constitution, regulations and orders of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

Add a new Article, as Article 14, as follows :

ART. 14. In addition to the other officers herein before provided for the SUPREME COUNCIL shall elect from the Active Members five Trustees, who shall be designated as "The Trustees of the permanent funds of the SUPREME COUNCIL of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America." Such Trustees shall hold their offices, when classified as hereinafter provided, for five years from the time of their election, unless sooner removed by the SUPREME COUNCIL. Immediately after the first election under this article, the Trustees elected shall be classified by lot in respect of their term of office, so that one of such Trustees shall hold office for five years; one for four years; one for three years; one for two years; and one for one year; and hereafter one Trustee for the term of five years shall be elected annually, and vacancies for the remainder of the term of any Trustee may be filled by the SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Sov.: Gr.: Commander shall have power to suspend any such Trustee from his office, whenever in his judgment the interests of the SUPREME COUNCIL or the safety of its funds shall require it; such suspension to continue until the next meeting of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Trustees shall receive all funds that the SUPREME COUNCIL, by vote, may direct to be placed in their hands; and it shall be their duty to safely invest the same in bonds of the United States, or in such other safe securities as the Trustees, by a unanimous vote, may select, and to manage and control the same, collect and invest the principal and the interest thereof from time to time, and in such manner, as may be for the security of such funds, and for the interests of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Trustees shall report to the Sov.: Gr.: Commander on the first day of July in each year the amount of the funds in their hands, the interest received by them, the amounts received since the preceding report, and the sources whence received, the amounts invested by them, and a detailed statement of the securities held therefor. They shall from time to time pay to the Grand Treasurer General such portion of the income of such funds as may be directed by resolution of the SUPREME COUNCIL, and shall convert such of the securities so taken into cash and pay over the proceeds thereof to the Grand Treasurer General, and also such portion of the principal sums in their hands as may be directed by a resolution of the SUPREME COUNCIL, adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Amend [old] Article 26, so as to read as follows :

ART. 28. The SUPREME COUNCIL shall appoint at each triennial session for the election of officers, from its Active Members a Deputy of the SUPREME COUNCIL for each State and Territory within its jurisdiction, who shall represent the SUPREME COUNCIL in such District, and perform the duties, supervision and inspection assigned to them by the SUPREME COUNCIL or by the Sov.: Gr.: Commander. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Deputy, it shall be filled by the Sov.: Gr.: Commander until the next meeting of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

They shall have power and it shall be their duty,

1. To exercise the departmental powers in their respective jurisdictions;

2. To inspect all works of the Rite;

3. To see to the execution of the general laws of the Rite, and the particular Regulations of the SUPREME COUNCIL;

4. To transmit and present directly to the SUPREME COUNCIL in their own names, the petitions for dispensations, charters and letters patent preferred to them by Consistories, Chapters, Councils, Lodges, or individuals under their jurisdiction, having first obtained the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation, when such recommendation is required.

They shall collect all dues from the various bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in their respective jurisdictions and forward the same, with a detailed statement thereof, in duplicate, on or before the first day of August in each year, to the Gr.: Treasurer General, who shall issue duplicate receipts therefor, one to the Deputy, and the other, with one of the detailed statements, to the Gr.: Secretary General for the proper credit of the funds on the books of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws, in obedience to the instruction contained in the resolution of Bro.: GOODWIN on that subject, report the accompanying resolution, and recommend the adoption thereof:

JOSEPH D. EVANS, *for the Committee.*

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of every subordinate Body owing allegiance to this Supreme Council extends half way in every direction from the town or city where located to the nearest place of location of Bodies of the same grade owing like allegiance, and in the same State; the question of half distance to be determined in each case with reference to facilities of travel and time necessarily required in going and returning. *Provided*, That Bodies of the same grade located and meeting in the same town or city shall have concurrent jurisdiction. This resolution shall not apply to States in which the Council of Deliberation has heretofore adopted a different rule.

Bro.: LAWRENCE presented the following report of the

Committee on Finance, which was accepted, and the resolutions therein contained severally adopted:

CHICAGO, Nov. 14, 1873.

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors General for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

The Committee on Finance have thoroughly audited the accounts* of the Grand Secretary General from September 16, 1872, to November 1, 1873, and find the receipts correctly reported as follows:

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| Dues of Subordinate Bodies, collected at the session of 1872. | \$ 2,281.00 |
| " " " as per returns of 1873 | 7,628.00 |
| " " " for previous years | 622.00 |
| Fees for the thirty-third degree..... | 1,600.00 |
| For 110 bristol-board diplomas | 440.00 |
| " 90 parchment diplomas..... | 450.00 |
| " diplomas—Maine | 77.00 |
| " rituals..... | 2.00 |
| " dispensations | 350.00 |
| Total received | \$18,400.00 |
| Of which amount there were paid to the Gr.: Treasurer General, Heman Ely: | |
| Sept. 20, 1872 | \$ 337.08 |
| Aug. 15, 1873 | 178.00 |
| Oct. 27, " | 4,000.00 |
| Nov. 8, " | 1,055.27 |
| Making a total of | \$ 5,570.85 |
| Balance in the hands of the Gr.: Secretary General... | \$ 7,829.65 |

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The committee have examined the account of the Grand Treasurer General, HEMAN ELY, have compared the same with the vouchers which have been duly approved, and have found it correct.

A synopsis of this account is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

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| 1872. | |
| Sept. 17. Balance on hand (Proceedings of 1872, p. 75) | \$ 4,848.27 |
| 18. Cash from Grand Secretary General..... | 3,615.59 |
| 20. " " " " " | 387.08 |
| Oct. 23. Dividend of 4 per cent. on 65 shares of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Co.. | 260.00 |

* As the Finance Committee give full abstracts of the reports of the Grand Secretary General and Grand Treasurer General, the publication of those reports in detail is omitted.

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| Apr. 15. | Dividend of 4 per cent. on 100 shares of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Co.. . | \$ 400.00 |
| Aug. 15. | Cash from Grand Secretary General | 178.00 |
| Oct. 18. | Dividend of 4 per cent. on 100 shares of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Co.. . | 400.00 |
| 27. | Cash from Grand Secretary General | 4,000.00 |
| Nov. 8. | " " " " " | <u>1,055.27</u> |
| | Total received | \$15,094.21 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Sept. 20. | Cash paid Masonic Publishing Company, for 858 copies of the ritual of the Lodge of Perfection | \$ 468.72 |
| " " | J. B. Smith, for refreshments provided at the session of November, 1871 .. | 252.15 |
| " " | William D. Stratton, for drawing a facsimile of the Honorary Member's Jewel..... | 5.00 |
| " " | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for rent to Oct. 1, 1872 | 125.00 |
| " " | Daniel Sickels, Gr.: Sec.: General, for an American flag, postage, premium on policy of insurance, etc..... | 92.70 |
| " " | A. P. Moriarty, for a standard for the Supreme Council | 200.00 |
| " " | J. H. Drummond, for printing, expressage, postage, etc..... | 21.85 |
| " " | E. T. Carson (Com. on Rit.), for printing, expressage, postage, etc..... | 24.00 |
| " " | Daniel Sickels, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:, for translation of foreign documents, stationery, etc..... | 56.25 |
| " " | R. M. C. Graham, for jewel destroyed in perfecting the sample jewel for Active Members | 24.50 |
| " " | A. G. Goodall, for postage on official communications to Foreign Grand Bodies..... | 25.14 |
| " " | Subordinate officers as per appropriation (Proceedings 1872, p. 75) | 187.64 |
| " " | H. Hyneman, for services at session of 1872 | 15.00 |
| " " | Members for mileage and per diem, as per pay-roll of Sept. 20, 1872..... | 1,665.00 |

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| Sept. 20. | Cash paid J. P. Thomas, for refreshments served at session of Sept., 1872 | \$ 494.06 |
| | " " allowances to Deputies as per resolution adopted Nov. 17, 1871. | 260.00 |
| 27. | " " A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1872. | 250.00 |
| Oct. 28. | " Vermilye & Co., for 85 shares of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Co. | 3,829.37 |
| | " Fifth Avenue Hotel, bill for Headquarters during the session of 1872. | 131.10 |
| Nov. 20. | " E. Williams & Co., for an Active Member's jewel for C. F. Knapp, Gr.: Representative's jewel for Ben Perley Poore, etc. | 150.75 |
| Dec. 24. | " A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter ending Dec. 31. 1872.... | 250.00 |
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| Mar. 31 | " A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter ending March 31, 1873..... | 250.00 |
| June 27. | " George Armstrong, for material and labor in erecting closets, shelves, etc., for Archives..... | 97.75 |
| | " A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter ending June 30, 1873..... | 250.00 |
| | " E. Williams & Co., for badges, electro-types, engraving plates, etc | 118.00 |
| Sept. 27. | " A. P. Moriarty, for salary for quarter Sept. 30, 1873. | 250.00 |
| Nov. 8. | " C. E. Sickels, for electrotypes of eagles, autographs, etc..... | 12.60 |
| | " Stephen Berry, for printing 1500 copies of Proceedings of 1872, etc..... | 588.69 |
| | " R. A. Lewis, for 24 photographs of foreign documents | 24.00 |
| | " Kennard & Hay, for 120 parchment diplomas, 1000 circulars, 3026 blank returns, 500 government stamped envelopes, etc. | 424.48 |
| | " George W. Anderson, for a steel seal-cutter | 5.50 |
| | Total expended..... | \$10,048.75 |

Of this amount, \$3,829.37 were invested, agreeable to the resolution adopted November, 1871, in the purchase of 85 shares of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, at 95 cents on the dollar.

The Supreme Council has now 100 shares of this Company's stock, for which HEMAN ELY, Gr.: Treasurer General, holds in his name, as Trustee, two certificates, one numbered A, 1,494, and dated Dec. 28, 1871, for 65 shares; the other numbered A, 4,217, and dated Oct. 25, 1872, for 35 shares. The stock yields a dividend of 8 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

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| Nov. 1. Balance on hand. | \$5,045.46 |
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Your committee respectfully recommend the payment of the following claims:

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| Daniel Sickels, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:, for expressage and postage \$ | 159.15 |
| A. G. Goodall, for postage on official communications to foreign Grand Bodies..... | 28.00 |
| W. F. Wentworth, for refreshments provided at the session of November, 1873. | 620.25 |
| Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for one year's rent, to Oct. 1, 1878 | 125.00 |
| Josiah H. Drummond, for printing, expressage, postage, etc.. | 28.05 |
| Donation to Oriental Consistory, towards defraying expenses incurred in behalf of the Supreme Council at the session of November, 1873..... | 100.00 |
| Otis Cole, Marshal of the Camp, mileage..... | 48.48 |
| Marquis F. King, Marshal of the Camp, mileage..... | 90.24 |
| A. P. Moriarty, Secretary's Assistant, mileage..... | 76.80 |
| Charles H. Titus, Grand Prior, mileage..... | 81.44 |
| Charles H. Titus, for clerical services | 16.00 |
| John P. Ferns, for services and expenses incurred as Grand Seneschal at the session of November, 1873 | 22.00 |
| Francis M. Capus, Janitor, for cleaning apartments | 20.00 |
| A. P. Moriarty, for engraving and framing a resolution of thanks to Kane Lodge..... | 100.00 |
| Total..... | \$1,515.41 |

Since the commencement of the session, DANIEL SICKELS, Grand Secretary General, has received dues, \$86; fees for the thirty-third degree, \$1,300; and CLINTON F. PAIGE, Grand Secretary General, has received for dispensations, \$175; for diplomas, \$100; and fees for the thirty-third degree, \$300; all of which amounts have been paid into the Treasury, and when added to the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer General (\$5,045.46), together with a payment of \$100 made by DANIEL SICKELS, Secretary, make a total of \$7,106.46. If the several claims, amounting to \$1,515.41, recommended for payment, the pay roll of members, amounting to \$2,586.24, and the allowances for Deputies, amounting to \$260, be paid, there will remain at the close of the session, in the hands of the Treasurer General, the sum of \$2,744.81.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, be tendered to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Oriental Lodge, No. 33, Free and Accepted Masons, for the use of their commodious and elegant apartments during the session at Chicago.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, be tendered to the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Sublime Princes of Oriental Consistory, for the kind reception and fraternal courtesies extended by them to the Supreme Council at the session in Chicago.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third Degree be tendered to the proprietors of the Palmer House for the gratuitous use of headquarters for the Supreme Council during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Supreme Council be tendered to the Inspectors General resident in Chicago, for the kind civilities shown the Supreme Council at the present session, and especially to Ill.: Bro.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°, Deputy for the State of Illinois, and the members of the committee appointed by the Inspectors General of Chicago, namely, GEORGE R. CHITTENDEN, CHARLES H. BROWER, GILBERT R. SMITH and EUGENE B. MYERS, whose courteous attentions have contributed greatly to the convenience, comfort, and pleasure of the Supreme Council.

The proposition to reduce the fee for every initiate in a Council of Princes of Jerusalem to two dollars, referred to the Committee on Finance, meets their hearty approval, for the reduced fee will be equitable and in harmony with the minimum rate for conferring the degrees of the Rite. They therefore recommend that the Constitutions of the Supreme Council be amended by omitting the figures \$3.00 in the fifth line of Article 23, and inserting in lieu thereof the figures \$2.00.

The proposition to increase the mileage and per diem of members of the Supreme Council, referred to this committee, has been duly investigated, and they find that the diminution in the receipts of the Supreme Council will not warrant any large increase in the payment for mileage and per diem. The committee, however, recommend the repeal of the present regulation on this subject, and the adoption, in lieu thereof, of the following standing regulation, to take effect at the next session of the Supreme Council :

Resolved, That mileage at the rate of four cents per mile each way, and five dollars per day for each day's attendance at the annual sessions of the Supreme Council, be allowed the Active and Emeritus Members of the Council, the mileage to be determined by each Ill.:

Brother's written statement of the actual number of miles traveled from the place of his residence to the place where the session is held.

On account of the revocation and surrender of charters, and for other sufficient reasons, the committee recommend that the dues of the following bodies be remitted :

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| Lafayette Chapter, | N. Y., dues of 1870, 1871, 1872 and 1873, | \$ 20 |
| La Fraternidad Chapter, | " " " " | 10 |
| Garibaldi Council, | " " " " | 20 |
| Auburn | " " " " | 20 |
| Jerusalem | " " " " | 20 |
| Penn Yan L. of P., | " " " " | 20 |
| Lyndon A. Smith Consistory, Ind., | " " " " | 15 |
| Vigo Chapter, | " " " " | 15 |
| Hamilton Council, | " " " " | 15 |
| Logan | " " " " | 15 |
| Terre Haute L. of P., | " " " " | 15 |
| Anderson | " " " " | 15 |
| Cambridge | " " " " | 20 |
| Hamilton | " " " " | 15 |
| Mount Calvary Chapter, Mich., | " " " " | 15 |
| Darius Council, | " " " " | 15 |
| Zion L. of P., | " " " " | 15 |
| Otseningo Consistory, N. Y., | " " " " | 5 |
| " Chapter, | " " " " | 5 |
| " Council, | " " " " | 5 |
| " L. of P., | " " " " | 5 |
| Total | | \$800 |

The following tabular statement shows the receipt of dues from the subordinate bodies for the term ending June 30, 1873 :

| State. | Amount Due. | Amount Paid. | Balance Due. | Making no Returns. |
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| Maine..... | \$ 409 | \$ 409 | | |
| New Hampshire..... | 35 | | \$ 35 | |
| Vermont..... | 873 | 873 | | |
| Massachusetts..... | 920 | 920 | | |
| Rhode Island..... | 178 | 178 | | |
| Connecticut..... | 200 | 200 | ..... | ..... |
| New York..... | 2,869 | 2,237 | 632 | 7 |
| New Jersey..... | 796 | 700 | 96 | ..... |
| Pennsylvania..... | 1,880 | 1,880 | ..... | ..... |
| Ohio..... | 616 | 616 | ..... | ..... |
| Indiana..... | 835 | 295 | 40 | 4 |
| Illinois..... | 618 | 618 | ..... | ..... |
| Michigan..... | 416 | 80 | 336 | 2 |
| Wisconsin..... | 244 | 244 | ..... | ..... |
| | \$9,329 | \$8,250 | \$1,079 | 13 |

The dues remaining unpaid Nov. 1, 1878, are as follows:

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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| *E. A. Raymond Consistory..... | 1878, | \$ 5 |
| *St. George Chapter..... | " | 5 |
| *New Hampshire Chapter..... | " | 5 |
| *Oriental Council..... | " | 5 |
| *Grand " | " | 5 |
| *Ineffable L. of P..... | " | 5 |
| *E. A. Raymond L. of P..... | " | 5 |
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| | | \$35 |

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| | 1868. | 1869 | 1870. | 1871. | 1872. | 1873. | |
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| Aurora Grata Consistory... | 90 | 85 | 80 | 140 | | | \$295 |
| " " Chapter.... | 40 | 22 | 17 | 27 | 13 | 34 | 153 |
| " " Council | | | 56 | 17 | 88 | | 111 |
| " " L. of P. ... | | | | | 88 | | 88 |
| Chenango Valley, L. of P... | | | | 5 | No returns. | | 5 |
| Norwich Chapter..... | | | | 5 | " | " | 5 |
| " " Council.... | | | | 5 | " | " | 5 |
| Albany Consistory..... | | | | 5 | " | " | 5 |
| " " Chapter..... | | | | 5 | " | " | 5 |
| Grand Council..... | | | | 5 | " | " | 5 |
| Ineffable L. of P... | | | | 5 | " | " | 5 |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | | \$682 |

NEW JERSEY.

| | 1872. | 1873. | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Newark Chapter..... | | 5 | \$ 5 |
| " " Council..... | 26 | 5 | 81 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$36 |

INDIANA.

| | 1872. | 1873. | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Lafayette Consistory..... | 5 | 5 | \$10 |
| " " Chapter..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| " " Council..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| " " L. of P..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
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| | | | \$40 |

*Paid during the session.

MICHIGAN.

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|---------------------------------|------|-------|
| Michigan Consistory..... | 1878 | \$115 |
| Mt. Olivet Chapter..... | " | 45 |
| Carson Council..... | " | 59 |
| " L. of P. | " | 58 |
| DeWitt Clinton Consistory. | " | 15 |
| Robinson Chapter. | " | 9 |
| Kalamazoo Council. | " | 11 |
| Brownell L. of P. | " | 11 |
| Allegan L. of P. | " | 5 |
| Cyrus Council. | " | 5 |
| Moriah L. of P. | " | 5 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$386 |

The total of unpaid dues Nov. 1, 1873, as per above table, is.... \$1,079

There were due Nov. 1, 1873, for diplomas:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| From Maine..... | \$ 70 |
| " Massachusetts..... | 280 |
| " Rhode Island..... | 30 |
| " Michigan*..... | 100 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 480 |
| For dispensations*..... | 175 |
| " certificates of membership..... | 110 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total due..... | \$1,844 |

The number of candidates elected to the honorary grade of the thirty-third degree is as follows :

| | |
|--|-------|
| Elected in 1869, 16, died 1, lapsed 1..... | 14 |
| " " 1870, 47, " 4..... | 48 |
| " " 1871, 55, " 8..... | 52 |
| " " 1872, 16, " 8..... | 18 |
| " " 1873, 21, " | 21 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 148 |

| | |
|--|-------|
| Received the degree before June 16, 1870..... | 8 |
| " " " from June 16, 1870, to Nov. 7, 1871..... | 45 |
| " " " " Nov. 7, 1871, to Dec. 12, 1871..... | 18 |
| " " " " Dec. 12, 1871, to Sept. 16, 1872..... | 26 |
| " " " " Sept. 16, 1872, to Nov. 1, 1873..... | 16 |
| " " " " Nov. 1, 1873, to Nov. 15, 1873..... | 16 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 129 |

Number to whom the degree is due..... .14

Under the resolution adopted November 17, 1871, and the instruction of September 20, 1872, the \$9,512.74 invested in 100 shares of the New

*Paid during session.

York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company constitute the basis of the permanent fund. As a large portion of the receipts of the past term has not yet reached the treasury, your committee request that further time be granted them to determine the exact amount to be added to the permanent fund, agreeably to the recommendation adopted September 20, 1872; and the committee recommend the adoption of that recommendation, in the form of the following resolution, as a standing regulation:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer General be and is hereby instructed to add, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, to the permanent fund of the Supreme Council, twenty per cent. of the annual receipts, and fifty per cent. of the balance of the receipts of each term which shall remain unexpended at the close of the term.

The adoption of the standing regulations presented in this report will tend greatly to correct defects in the management of the finances, and will result in a lasting benefit to the Supreme Council.

A careful examination of the subject of a permanent fund confirms the committee in the opinion that a duly incorporated Board of Trustees will prove the best and most reliable custodian of the surplus funds of the Supreme Council.

The committee have prepared a pay-roll in accordance with the resolution adopted June 18, 1869, amounting to \$2,586.24, which they have delivered to the Bro.: Grand Treasurer General, who extends to the Active Members a cordial invitation to visit him before the close of the session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, }
RUFUS W. LANDON, } Committee.

General Session was called off until twelve o'clock, and the SUPREME COUNCIL went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Bro.: HOSMER A. JOHNSON was elected Deputy for Illinois, and Bro.: JOHN CAVEN for Indiana.

On motion of Bro.: GOULD, the SUPREME COUNCIL proceeded to the election of Grand Secretary General, which resulted in the choice of Bro.: CLINTON F. PAIGE.

Bro.: PAIGE accepted the office of Grand Secretary General, and thereby declined the office of Grand Minister of State to which he had been elected; and an election of that

officer was ordered, which resulted in the choice of Bro.: HENRY L. PALMER.

Bros.: JOSEPH W. FELLOWS, of N. H.,
JESSE B. ANTHONY, of Troy, N. Y.,
and NATHANIEL FERNERDEN BONSALL, of Indiana,
were elected to receive the thirty-third grade.

The SUPREME COUNCIL then took a recess.

Labor resumed at two o'clock P. M.

Bro.: E. T. CARSON made a communication to the SUPREME COUNCIL, and Bro.: PALMER moved the appointment of a committee of five to consider the matter and report at the earliest possible moment.

The motion was adopted, and the Grand Commander appointed

Bros.: JOSEPH D. EVANS,
WILLIAM BARRETT,
JOSEPH H. HOUGH,
JOHN CHRISTIE,
THOS. R. AUSTIN,

as such committee.

Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS, from Special Committee on the communication of Bro.: CARSON, reported, and the report was accepted.

On motion of Bro.: PALMER,

Ordered, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to consider the matter further, and report the result of their labors to the Grand Commander at the earliest day possible.

And the Grand Commander appointed

Bros.: HENRY L. PALMER,
VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
FRANCIS A. BLADES,

as such committee.

Bro.: W. A. STEVENS offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

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Resolved, That the thanks of this Supreme Council be and are hereby fraternally tendered to Bro.: JAMES H. MCVICKER, for courtesies extended to them during this session; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro.: MCVICKER over the signature of the Grand Commander and Secretary General, with seal of this Supreme Council attached.

Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matters made report as follows, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted:

The Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matters, to whom was referred the matter of Germania Lodge of Perfection, located at Rochester in the State of New York, would respectfully recommend that Germania Lodge be permitted to use the Rituals now in their possession, so soon as satisfactory evidence shall be presented to this Supreme Council or the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander, that the translation is a literal rendering of the Rituals of this Supreme Council.

Your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rituals of this Supreme Council shall not be translated into any foreign language, except by the express permission of this Supreme Council, or of the Sov.: Gr.: Commander in the interim of its sessions.

ENOCH T. CARSON,
VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
ALVIN B. ALDEN,
CHAS. T. McCLENACHAN,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON,
WILLIAM R. HIGBY,
H. STANLEY GOODWIN,
ORRIN WELCH,

Committee.

On motion of Bro.: HENRY L. PALMER, the penalty of the Bond of Grand Treasurer General was fixed at \$10,000, and that of Grand Secretary General at \$5,000.

Bro.: STOCKER offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Gr.: Secretary General, under the supervision of the Grand Commander and Committee on Finance, be directed to publish the Constitution and standing resolutions, as amended by the Supreme Council; and in the distribution of the same, that five copies at least, be sent to each subordinate body in this jurisdiction.

Bro.: STEVENS submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rituals:

Resolved, That the Committee on Rituals be instructed to prepare burial services appropriate to be used in case of the death of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, and Inspectors General, 33°.

On motion of Bro.: GOODALL, it was

Ordered, That the transactions of this session be printed under the supervision of the Grand Commander and the Gr.: Secretary General.

Ill.: K. H. VAN RENSSALAER, Past M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, then installed Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND as M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander of this SUPREME COUNCIL for the ensuing three years.

The Grand Commander then installed the remaining officers, who were inducted into their several stations, and at once entered upon their duties.

The Grand Commander appointed his staff as follows:

Rev and Ill.: CHARLES H. TITUS, Boston, Mass., *Grand Prior*.

Ill.: MARQUIS F. KING, Portland, Maine, }
 " CHARLES BECHTEL, Trenton, N. J., } *Grand Marshals of the*
 " JED. P. C. COTTRILL, Milwaukee, Wis., } *Camp.*

Bro.: STEVENS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the uniform adopted and now worn by Oriental Consistory, be adopted as the uniform of this Supreme Council, for Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°.

The resolution was received and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Ill.: Brothers GOODALL, CARSON and MCCLENACHAN.

Bro.: PAIGE, Grand Secretary General, stated that as there were necessarily many valuable books, papers, etc., kept in the office of the Grand Secretary, it was absolutely necessary for that office to be furnished with a suitable safe for the preservation of the records and other important papers belonging to this SUPREME COUNCIL; and

On motion of Bro.: BANKS, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary General be and is hereby authorized to procure a suitable safe for his office; and that the Grand Com-

mander draw on the Grand Treasurer General to pay for the same, when the bill is approved by the Finance Committee.

The resolution authorizing the Grand Commander to procure the necessary paraphernalia for conferring the thirty-third degree in full form, was continued until next session.

The Grand Commander, in behalf of the committee to which the proposition of publishing a new edition of Bro.: FOLGER's History under the sanction of the SUPREME COUNCIL was referred last year, reported, that until the early Proceedings of the SUPREME COUNCIL should be published, it was premature to undertake to write an accurate history: that already much light had been thrown upon our early history by Bro.: JAMES B. SCOT, 33°, of Louisiana, in his outlines of the history of masonry in that State, a copy of which he had kindly sent to each member of this SUPREME COUNCIL; and the committee, therefore, report that it is inexpedient for the SUPREME COUNCIL to give its sanction to any history of the Rite at the present time.

The report was accepted.

The Grand Commander, in behalf of the committee to which was referred the proposition to reprint the Proceedings of the SUPREME COUNCIL, reported that the Proceedings of the SUPREME COUNCIL, whose Grand East was at Boston, published no Proceedings before 1851, and that those from 1851 to 1862 are out of print: that the "Cerneau Council" never published its Proceedings; that the "Raymond Council" published its Proceedings for 1860, 1861 and 1862, but that they are out of print; that the SUPREME COUNCIL whose Grand East was at New York before "the union" did not publish its Proceedings for 1863, 1864 and 1865, and the committee recommend that the proceedings of all the Bodies, which have been merged in this SUPREME COUNCIL, prior to 1863, so far as they can be procured, and those since 1863, which have not been once printed, be published during the ensuing year.

The Report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted; and the Gr.: Commander, Gr.: Lieut.-Commander

and Gr.: Secretary General were appointed a committee to supervise and direct the work.

The time for conferring the thirty-third degree on THOMAS B. SHOAFF, J. A. HUTTON and W. H. FOGG, of Indiana, was extended until the close of the next annual session.

The Committee on Constitutions and Laws reported that the articles of the Constitution be re-numbered to conform to the amendments adopted at this session, and their Report was adopted.

Bro.: STOCKER offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all amendments to the Constitution proposed at the sessions of 1872 and 1873, not acted upon before the adjournment of the present session, be referred to the Committee on Constitutions, to be reported upon at the next annual session of this Supreme Council.

On motion, Article 46 of the Constitution (Article 48 in the amended draft), was continued until the next annual session.

The Committee on Jurisprudence were granted permission to report at the next annual session, on all matters remaining in their hands.

Bro.: CARSON asked permission for the Committee on Rituals, &c., to sit during recess at the expense of the SUPREME COUNCIL, which was on motion granted.

The following Ill.: Princes were introduced and the thirty-third and last degree of the A.: A.: Rite was conferred upon them in due form, and they were duly received and enrolled as Illustrious Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, and Honorary Members of the SUPREME COUNCIL for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States:

DAVID McLAREN, of Cincinnati, Ohio,
JOHN LUTES, of Rochester, N. Y.,
JOHN L. SAGE, of "

Bro.: CARSON, of Committee on Rituals, to whom was referred the design for Diploma of the thirty-third degree, reported in favor of the design submitted; and moved that

it be adopted, and that the committee be authorized to go on and complete the same.

Bro.: STOCKER moved that the committee be directed to have the certificate in Latin, as well as in English.

Bro.: PAIGE moved an additional amendment, that the motto be changed to that now on the warrants, or Charters of this SUPREME COUNCIL; when, on motion, the whole subject was referred to the Sov.: Gr.: Commander with power.

The Grand Commander announced the Standing Committees as follows:

ON THE GENERAL STATE OF THE RITE,

- Ill.: JOSEPH D. EVANS,
- “ GEORGE W. DEERING,
- “ JOSEPH H. HOUGH.

ON RITUALS AND RITUALISTIC MATTER,

- Ill.: ENOCH T. CARSON,
- “ VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
- “ ALVIN B. ALDEN,
- “ CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
- “ D. BURNHAM TRACY,
- “ ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON,
- “ WILLIAM R. HIGBY,
- “ H. STANLEY GOODWIN,
- “ ORRIN WELCH.

ON CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS,

- Ill.: HENRY L. PALMER,
- “ CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
- “ JOHN L. LEWIS,
- “ WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
- “ THOMAS A. DOYLE,
- “ HOSMER A. JOHNSON,
- “ THOMAS J. CORSON,
- “ ROBERT H. FOSS,
- “ ABRAHAM T. METCALF,
- “ JOHN H. GEORGE.

ON FINANCE,

- Ill.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
- “ ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM,
- “ RUFUS W. LANDON.

ON JURISPRUDENCE,

- III.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
 " JOHN CAVEN,
 " WILLIAM BARRETT,
 " BENJAMIN DEAN,
 " ANTHONY E. STOCKER.

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS,

- III.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, *ex officio*,
 " ALBERT G. GOODALL,
 " JOHN W. SIMONS.

ON COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION AND REPORTS OF DEPUTIES,

- III.: HENRY C. BANKS,
 " THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
 " WALTER A. STEVENS,
 " H. STANLEY GOODWIN,
 " WILLIAM PARKMAN.

ON DECEASE OF MEMBERS,

- III.: FRANCIS A. BLADES,
 " WINSLOW LEWIS,
 " CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP.

ON RETURNS,

- III.: CLINTON F. PAIGE,
 " DANIEL SICKELS,
 " JOHN SHEVILLE.

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS,

- III.: CHARLES W. CARTER,
 " WILLIAM P. PREBLE,
 " AARON KING.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS,

- III.: NATHAN H. GOULD,
 " RICHARD M. BARKER,
 " GEORGE W. BENTLEY.

On motion, Bro.: E. T. CARSON, of Ohio, and D. BURNHAM TRACY, of Michigan, were granted permission to report on obituaries in their respective districts, to the Grand Commander, for publication in the Proceedings.

On motion of Bro.: STOCKER the reading of minutes of this day's transactions were dispensed with, and it was

ordered that they be examined and corrected by the Grand Commander.

There being no further business to be done, the Grand Commander called upon Ill.: Bro.: JOHN SHEVILLE to officiate at the altar (in the absence of the Grand Prior), and closed the SUPREME COUNCIL in due form, and with the Sacred Numbers, to assemble again in annual session in the City of Boston, Mass., on the third Tuesday of August, 1874, at ten o'clock A. M.



JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,



Sov.: Gr.: Com.:

[L. S.]



CLINTON F. PAIGE, 33°:

G.: Sec.: Gen.: H. E.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES;

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCILS OF
DELIBERATION;

TABLEAU OF MEMBERS, ETC.

REPORTS
OF
Deputies of the Supreme Council.

MAINE.

PORLTAND, MAINE, Oct. 15, 1878.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the N. M. J., United States of America :

I have the honor to submit my report of the state of the Rite for the District of Maine, from Sept., 1872, to Sept., 1873.

All of the subordinate bodies in the District have done considerable work, as will more fully appear by the returns of their Secretaries in the hands of the Ill.: Grand Secretary General.

The Consistory, which has had but a feeble existence since the great fire, has during the past year had new life infused into it under the unceasing and indefatigable care and management of Ill.: Bro.: GEORGE W. DEERING, its Commander-in-Chief, who, by his unwearied zeal and constant personal supervision, has succeeded in creating a strong interest in the degrees under his immediate charge, not only by causing suitable equipments and paraphernalia to be procured for the proper conferring of the orders, but also in the excellent and impressive manner of conferring them. So that now, for the first time, since the establishment of the ineffable degrees in Maine, have all the subordinate bodies in this District been in a situation and able to confer the degrees in their respective bodies in a manner that we should be willing for our most eminent brothers of other Districts to witness.

The Rite being in such prosperous condition, and there being no business of importance to come before it, on consultation with several emi-

nent brothers here, I concluded not to convene a Council of Deliberation.

I desire to decline a re-election as Deputy on account of not being able to give to the duties the time and attention necessary for their proper discharge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PREBLE, 33°,

Deputy for Maine.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NASHUA, November, 1873.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last Degree of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America:

I have the honor to submit my Report as your Deputy for the District of New Hampshire, for the past masonic year.

From an examination of the returns enclosed, it will be seen that there has not been any work done in this Masonic District during the past year.

This result is not, I think, to be attributed to any want of interest in the Rite, but rather to the fact, that this field of masonic labor was early and pretty thoroughly worked.

For the prosperity and welfare of the Rite in this District, and throughout our whole jurisdiction, I hope and trust the future will show an increased interest and a better report of work done.

Herewith enclosed, you will find checks for dues to the Supreme Council, to wit: \$15 and \$20. Total, \$35.

As acting Deputy for the District of Vermont, I am pleased to be able to report a most flattering condition of the Rite.

During the past summer, upon the petitions, in due form, by the constitutional number, I recommended the Sovereign Grand Commander to grant his dispensation to the Ill.: Bros.: in Vermont, to establish "Joseph W. Roby Council of Princes of Jerusalem," "Delta Chapter of Rose Croix" and "Vermont Consistory." The dispensations, I am pleased to know, were granted, and the officers of Vermont Consistory duly installed July 15, 1873, and the officers of the Chapter and Council on August 1, 1873, by Ill.: PHINEAS D. BALLOU, 33°.

The inclosed returns of these Bodies indicate a large amount of work, and the dues to the Supreme Council have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary General.

Our Sister District having now fairly started in her masonic work, and knowing the interest in, and zeal for our beloved Rite, which the Ill.: Bros.: in Vermont manifest, I most cheerfully and earnestly recommend that at the session of the Supreme Council to be held at Chi-

cago, the present month, charters be granted to "Vermont Consistory," "Delta Chapter" and "Joseph W. Roby Council." Such action by the Supreme Council, I am satisfied for the interest and welfare of the Rite in that District should be taken.

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In closing this my last annual report, permit me to return my thanks for the honor of the trust, by your kind and generous action bestowed upon me. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BARRETT, 33°,

Deputy for the District of New Hampshire.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Aug. 15, 1873.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third Degree, of the N. M. J. of the United States:

The brethren of Massachusetts may well congratulate themselves upon the general prosperity of the Rite, of which most of the Bodies in the State have fortunately enjoyed a full share.

On the 25th of September, 1872, I canceled the charter of Harmony Lodge of Perfection, of Lynn, agreeably to the petition of its officers, and in accordance with the order of the Supreme Council passed at the last session. The canceled charter was promptly delivered to Ill.: Bro.: NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, Gr.: Keeper of the Archives.

The third day of the month Adar, prescribed by the by-laws of several of the Bodies as the stated meeting for the election of officers, fell on Sunday; hence I granted a dispensation to Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, for the election held March 7, 1873, and to Boston Lodge of Perfection, for the election held March 17, 1873.

A dispensation was also granted to Goddard Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Worcester, for the election held April 10, 1873.

I installed the officers of

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, | March 7, 1873. |
| Mount Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix, | April 10, " |
| Worcester Lodge of Perfection, | " 17, " |
| Giles F. Yates Council of P.: of J.:, | May 9, " |
| Sutton Lodge of Perfection, | June 11, " |

In the months of January, February and March, 1873, permission was granted by Evening Star Lodge of Perfection and Massasoit Council, P.: of J.:, of Springfield, Lawrence Chapter, R.: C.:, of Worcester, and Massachusetts Consistory, of Boston, to the corresponding Bodies of the A.: and A.: Rite at Rochester, N. Y., to receive the petitions and confer the grades upon Bro.: WILLIAM A. JOHNSON, of Westfield, Mass.

In February last, permission was granted by New York Council, P.: of J.:, Zeal and Constancy Chapter, R.: C.: and Cosmopolitan Consistory, of New York City, respectively, to Giles F. Yates Council, P.: of J.:, Mount Olivet Chapter, R.: C.:, and Massachusetts Consistory, to receive the petitions and confer the grades upon Sub.: Bro.: RICHARD H. TRESTED, of New York City.

Last March, permission was granted by Ill.: WILLIAM BARRETT, 33°, Deputy for New Hampshire, to Mount Olivet Chapter R.: C.: and Massachusetts Consistory, to receive the petitions and confer the degrees upon Pr.: WILLIAM D. HALEY, of Tuftonborough, N. H. He was created a S.: P.: R.: S.:, 32°, May 23, 1873.

The present strength of the Bodies and their work for the term ending June 30, 1873, is indicated in the following summary:

| | Bodies. | Members. | Initiates. | Fees. |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|------------|-------|
| Consistory, | 1 | 672 | 54 | \$270 |
| Chapters of Rose Croix, | 3 | 427 | 56 | 112 |
| Councils of P.: of J.:, | 4 | 519 | 48 | 144 |
| Lodges of Perfection, | 6 | 875 | 108 | 324 |
| Dues from 14 Bodies, | | | | 70 |
| | — | — | — | |
| | 14 | 2,498 | 266 | \$920 |

I promptly transmitted the annual returns of all the Bodies to the Grand Secretary General, and have his receipt for the total of the fees received.

During the past term I have visited most of the Bodies, and my visits have been to me highly satisfactory.

The Bodies at Worcester have met with fair success the past year. Worcester Lodge of Perfection may greatly rejoice in its good fortune in having officers who discharge their entire duties in a most acceptable and faithful manner. May the officers have the zealous co-operation and hearty support of all the Brethren. My visit to the lodge in April was very pleasant. At the close of the communication, an unexpected incident occurred. Ill.: Bro.: GEORGE TOWER extended a cordial invitation to the lodge to repair to his residence. There the Brethren partook of a bountiful collation, and spent the remainder of the evening in a variety of amusements. Long will the remembrance of his generous hospitality be cherished in their hearts.

Through a lack of earnestness, the Rite, contrary to my sanguine expectations, has not prospered as it ought in Springfield. The Rite cannot flourish without the disinterested and indefatigable labors of the officers to promote the prosperity of the Bodies which have honored them with important trusts. The high character of the officers recently elected in Evening Star Lodge of Perfection is an earnest of strenuous efforts, and I sincerely hope this auspicious omen will be the welcome harbinger of renewed prosperity.

Sutton Lodge of Perfection has all the appointments requisite for the full exemplification of the degrees, and a very efficient board of officers.

The lodge, wisely preferring a sound and vigorous to a rapid and delicate growth, rigidly scrutinizes the character and qualifications of the candidates. My visit to the lodge last June was very gratifying, and I heartily congratulate the Brethren on the present auspicious state and bright prospects of their lodge.

The administration of the affairs at Lowell is able and satisfactory. The Bodies are very fortunate in their capable and zealous officers, and I have the fullest confidence in their continued prosperity and usefulness. On the occasion of an official visit to Mount Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix in April, a hearty welcome and interesting session was followed by a feast of friendship, at which nearly all the members of the Chapter were present, and right merrily did they enjoy their happy re-union.

The Boston Bodies have all the paraphernalia necessary for the full practice of our mysteries, and are in a very healthy condition. The officers endeavor to give a perfect illustration of the work, and their zeal and industry are worthy of high commendation. The members exhibit an ardent and active interest in the success of the Bodies, and ably support their efficient officers. The officers and members deserve great credit for their untiring efforts, and richly merit the success they have won. Massachusetts Consistory is the largest in New England, if not in the United States, numbering at the present time six hundred and seventy-two members, and gives flattering promise of a brilliant future.

The Massachusetts Council of Deliberation held a pleasant and profitable session May 23, 1873. A resolution was adopted, respectfully recommending to the Supreme Council the reduction of the fee for every initiate in a Council of Princes of Jerusalem to two dollars; and a vote was passed that the Council of Deliberation respectfully petition the Supreme Council to issue, free of charge, a new charter for Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, its original charter having been consumed in the great fire at Boston, Nov. 9 and 10, 1872.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with the happy assurance that the A.: and A.: Rite in Massachusetts is advancing with gradual and solid progress peacefully and prosperously.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°,
Deputy for Massachusetts.

RHODE ISLAND.

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third Degree of the Northern Masonic District and Jurisdiction of the United States of North America:

Your Deputy of the State of Rhode Island, the smallest of the jurisdiction, yet one of the earliest to cultivate a knowledge of the sublime embodiments of our beautiful A.: and A.: Rite, would report continued harmony and acceptable activity in all the Bodies of the jurisdiction.

During the past year we have associated with us in the various branches more of the educated and cultivated Brethren, whose thirst for knowledge has caused them to appreciate more its doctrines and teachings and has made them zealous co-workers in the Rite, and has infused renewed spirit and energy in the Bodies, which during the approaching cool season promise increased activity all over the jurisdiction, and will prepare younger men to take the places of some of us more advanced, when the All Wise God, our Father, shall, in his wisdom, call us to lay down our implements of labor and permit us to enter into the rest which he has prepared.

It is with gratitude and thanksgivings that we see the ranks of our Israel filling up with those whose lives and education fit them so eminently for the work.

But in our joy, we are again reminded of the uncertainty of all things here, where "we have no abiding city," for in sadness the tidings have reached us that another Father has fallen in our Israel. On the 30th of October, 1862, we had the pleasure of proclaiming SAMUEL LEWIS a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°. His life had been and was one of activity. Possessing a noble and generous heart, he exemplified, as far as was in his power, the beauties of the teachings of the Rite, and continued, as far as his ability would permit, to extend them until by the infirmities of age, and his previous struggles, he was rendered less active; yet the warm impulses of his heart continued his interest in the cause of his Brethren, until the summons came to him to depart or enter into rest, which found him, like the shock of corn, fully ripe, on the 26th September, 1873, at the age of 70 years. May his virtues be emulated and his memory revered.

The records of another year have become, as the past, rolled away in the Archives of eternity. Trusting in the mercy of an All Merciful God, we hope its lessons may result in profit and advancement of our Israel, and that the A.: and A.: Rite may find causes of renewed and intensified action by a retrospect of it, and that it may increase in power, wisdom, stability and health for the good of all mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. GOULD, 33°,
Deputy for Rhode Island.

CONNECTICUT.

NORWICH, Sept. 20, 1873.

To the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the N. M. J. of the United States of America, Orient, Boston, Mass.

I hereby submit for your consideration and that of the Supreme Council, my annual report as Deputy for the State of Connecticut.

The past year has been one of unexampled prosperity ; the Bodies of the A.: and A.: Rite have placed themselves in condition to merit the companionship of the most exalted ; none but Knights Templar have entered our Secret Vault, and therefore we are honored by the craft below, and stronger for its having been so.

The Bodies in Norwich have been complimented in receiving applications for the degrees by distinguished masons at home and from afar. In the month of March they received the propositions of JOHN H. ISAACSON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and E. M. COPELAND, Eminent Commander of Richard Cœur De Lion Encampment, Montreal, Province of Quebec, accompanied by the consent of T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, 33°, Representative of the Supreme Grand Council of England, Wales and Dependencies of the British Crown, together with the recommendations of W. J. B. MCLEOD MOORE, 33°, Grand Prior of Canada, and Past Representative of the Supreme Council of England, Wales, etc. They were accepted, and the 22d and 23d of April appointed as the time for conferring the degrees. Accordingly, on the 22d, they received in King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection the degrees from fourth to fourteenth inclusive, and on the 23d continued their upward course through the Council Chapter and Consistory. At ten o'clock P. M. they were received at the grand re-union banquet as Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, (the band playing God save the Queen, followed by the Star Spangled Banner). There were present Sir Knight DANIEL CALKINS, 32°, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, and other distinguished members of the Order, who participated in the ceremonies and festivities of the occasion.

In conformity to Article 25th of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, and by order of your Deputy, a State Council of Deliberation, for the masonic District of Connecticut, was held in the City of Norwich, on the 26th day of the month Nisan, Anno Hebraico 5638, corresponding to the 23d day of April, 1873. Council convened at three o'clock P. M., Ill.: Deputy presiding. The Bodies at Bridgeport were represented by Bro.: WM. R. HIGBY, 33°, and EDWARD W. ATWOOD, 33°, Charter Oak Grand Lodge of Perfection, Hartford, by CYRUS GOODALL, 33°, and the Norwich Bodies by JOHN W. STEDMAN, 32°, DANIEL CALKINS, 32°, DAVID C. CARD, 32°, and CHESTER TILDEN, JR., 32°. Bro.: JOHN W. STEDMAN, 32°, was appointed Secretary, and the Council proceeded to business. Nothing of importance appearing, Council closed in form.

St. John's Day, June 24th, I visited Charter Oak Grand Lodge of Perfection, Hartford, Conn.: was received at their re-union and banquet with all the honors due the Representative of your Supreme Body. The lodge was called together at 7:45 o'clock P. M. and opened in due form, officers and brethren in full regalia. I was proud of the large attendance and good appearance of the members, and the grandeur of the furniture and paraphernalia which they had provided for the working of the degrees. At 8:30 o'clock repaired to the banquet hall, where

the evening was spent in a social and intellectual way. Thus ended one of the most pleasant affairs ever had in the jurisdiction.

From Bro.: HIGBY, 33°, I learned that DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, Bridgeport, have provided themselves with new paraphernalia, and are in condition to work the degrees more fully and with better effect than ever.

On the 17th day of the present month I received a petition from CHARLES W. SKIFF, 18°, and eleven other members of the A.: and A.: Rite, residents of New Haven, Conn., soliciting a charter or dispensation to open a Lodge of Perfection in said city, and confer the degrees thereunto belonging, and transact such other business as may appertain to this particular Body. Having a favorable opinion of the brethren and of their object in view, I recommended and transmitted the petition to the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, and trust it will be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER, 33°,

Deputy for Connecticut.

NEW YORK.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1873.

To M.: P.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, *Grand Commander Supreme Council, etc.*

DEAR SIR AND ILL.: BRO.:—The undersigned, Deputy for the State of New York, has the honor to present herewith, a copy of the printed transactions of the Council of Deliberation of that District for the current year.

It will be seen that there were present three Active, one Emeritus and twenty-two Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, besides the representatives of six Consistories, eight Chapters of Rose Croix, eleven Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and eleven Lodges of Perfection; showing an active interest in the affairs of the Rite worthy of note. The utmost harmony prevailed, and the following recommendations were made for your consideration, to which they are hereby respectfully commended :

First., That the annual *per capita* fees in the Councils of the sixteenth degree be reduced to two dollars.

Second., That the warrants of certain Bodies therein named, which have ceased work and failed to make returns to the Supreme Council for three or more years be recalled.

Third., That warrants be granted to Adonai Lodge of Perfection, at Newburgh, and to Ya-nun-da-sis Lodge of Perfection, at Utica ; and

Fourth., That the Supreme Council prescribe a form of ritual for installation, and suitable jewels to be worn by officers of Councils of Deliberation.

The undersigned does not deem it his duty to more explicitly urge

these matters, relying rather upon the wisdom of the Supreme Council; but he gladly avails himself of the opportunity to assure the governing Body of the continued devotion and consequent prosperity of that portion of the jurisdiction committed to his supervision.

Courteously communicated,

ORRIN WELCH, 33°,

Deputy for New York.

NEW JERSEY.

SPRINGFIELD, N. J., Nov. 1, 1873.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third Degree, of the A.: A.: Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction United States of America:

I have the honor to forward the Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey, held at Trenton, on the 18th day of the Hebrew month Ab, 5633, answering to August 6, 1873.

I heartily concur in the recommendation of said Council of Deliberation, that charters be granted to Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, Adoniram Council P.: of J.:, and Adoniram Chapter Rose Croix, in the Valley of Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey.

I am pleased to report that the A.: A.: Rite in this District is in a prosperous condition, and that all the subordinate Bodies have made their returns to the Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SHEVILE, 33°,

Deputy for New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA.

October, 25, 1873.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General thirty-third degree, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction United States America:

The interest in the A.: and A.: Rite, now thoroughly awakened, has known no abatement in this District during the past year. The reports forwarded from the subordinate Bodies, show great activity and zeal on the part of their several memberships. Not only has the number been increased, but more attention has been given to the work, and

to providing accommodation and facilities for a more imposing exemplification of the degrees. At Pittsburg, the fraternity, at great expense, have fitted up commodious apartments, and the officers have shown commendable zeal in fitting themselves for the active duties of their stations by conferring many of the degrees in full.

I regret to say that the Lodge of Perfection at Shrewsbury (which is still under dispensation), has done no work during the past year. The Bodies of the Rite at Harrisburg show some work done, while those at Bloomsburg, though not coming up to the number of initiates of previous years, exhibit unabated interest, and a goodly number admitted to the Order.

The Bodies in Philadelphia have shown more earnestness in the work during the past than in any previous year. Many degrees not heretofore worked have been most happily exemplified in full. With the increased accommodations and improved facilities for working the degrees in their new hall, now dedicated to masonic purposes in that city, I feel confident the Brethren of the A.: and A.: Rite in Philadelphia, will not fall behind those of other cities in conferring our degrees in the most correct and effective manner.

Greater punctuality has been shown in forwarding the returns and dues of all the subordinate Bodies in this State, to the Supreme Council, and it gives me great pleasure to report that there are none in arrears.

I have issued dispensations during the past year to the Bodies at Pittsburg, authorizing the degrees to be conferred without awaiting the usual delays required by the regulations of the Supreme Council. It seems to have grown into a custom in some of the neighboring jurisdictions to hold an annual session of the subordinate Bodies of the A.: and A.: Rite, and in the course of three, four or five days to confer the degrees of the Rite upon such as may present themselves. I cannot think the practice desirable, but deem that it must eventually militate against the true interests of the Order, in a too rapid conferring of the degrees, and want of proper appreciation of them by the recipients. Our Brethren at Pittsburg have followed this practice, and at their request I have issued the necessary dispensations.

In Philadelphia, the cases of application for dispensations have been very few, and seemed to me to be exceptional only, and such as required the exercise of the authority vested in the Deputy. In every case I have discouraged the too rapid conferring of the degrees, believing that a more deliberate reception of them is better calculated to impress the candidate with the dignity of the degree and the solemn duties assumed by him in receiving it.

The Council of Deliberation of Pennsylvania met in Philadelphia on the 5th day of December, 1872. The several bodies in the State were well represented, its proceedings were perfectly harmonious, and were concluded by an exemplification of the 29th degree by Philadelphia Sov.

Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°. I cannot praise the work of this degree too highly. To say that the officers, and every one who participated in the work, came fully up to the expectations of the Council, is too feeble praise for the labor and care bestowed upon it by Ill.: Bro.: BRADBURY and his associates. I forward herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY E. STOCKER, M. D., 33°,

S.: G.: Ins.: Gen.: 33°, and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

OHIO.

CINCINNATI, October 31, 1873.

To the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S., Orient, Boston, Mass.

In accordance with the requirements of the Grand Constitutions of the Order, I have the honor to submit my official report for the masonic year ending July 1, 1873.

The number of subordinate Bodies remains the same as last year. I have not encouraged the disposition to establish new Bodies of the Rite beyond those already in existence in this district, believing the present accommodations are ample for all who sincerely desire to receive the degrees. A few good *working* Bodies, with proper accommodations and the degrees impressively rendered, is certainly very much better than a large number of "paper Bodies" conferring the degrees in a slovenly manner by communication, generally being tenants at will, in apartments not adapted to their wants, regarded with jealousy by the members of other masonic organizations, who too often, through ignorance, look upon the "Scottish Rite" as a mere parasite on masonry. To maintain the true position of our beautiful Rite we should not attempt to establish too many Bodies; those established should be maintained with that dignity and grandeur becoming to the magnificent ceremonials and rituals of the A.: and A.: Rite. It is an aphorism, as true as it is forcible, that in ritual, "The Scottish Rite lends to all other Rites, and borrows from none."

In this District, the degrees are effectively conferred in Cleveland and Cincinnati, the first being in the extreme *eastern* part of the State, and the latter in the *southwestern* corner of the State; the brethren at both places make it a special point to accommodate brethren from a distance in the interior part of the State, in receiving the degrees, both as to the time required and the amount of expense.

At the suggestion of the *few* interested in this District, there being nothing special to be presented, no Council of Deliberation was held.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER.

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| 3 Lodges of Perfection, membership July 1, 1872..... | 430 |
| Initiated during the year..... | 43 |
| Affiliated..... | 1 44 |
| | 474 |
| Dropped from Roll by error in Cambridge last year..... | 2 |
| Died during year..... | 6 |
| Withdrawn..... | 5 |
| Suspended..... | 3 |
| Expelled..... | 20 36 |
| July 1, 1873. Total membership..... | 438 |
| 3 Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, membership July 1, 1872..... | 409 |
| Add for error in giving aggregate membership last year..... | 5 |
| | 414 |
| Initiated during the year | 43 |
| Affiliated..... | 1 44 |
| | 458 |
| Died | 6 |
| Withdrawn..... | 5 |
| Suspended..... | 7 |
| Expelled..... | 18 31 |
| July 1, 1873. Total membership..... | 427 |
| 2 Chapters of Rose Croix, membership July 1, 1872..... | 350 |
| Add for error in report of aggregate last year..... | 4 |
| Initiated | 44 |
| Affiliated..... | 1 49 |
| | 399 |
| Died | 6 |
| Withdrawn..... | 4 |
| Suspended | 7 |
| Expelled | 13 30 |
| July 1, 1873. Total membership..... | 369 |
| 1 Grand Consistory P.: R.: S.: 32°, July 1, 1872, membership.... | 340 |
| Initiated during year | 45 |
| | 385 |
| Died | 6 |
| Withdrawn | 4 |
| Expelled | 15 |
| Suspended | 7 33 |
| July 1, 1873. Total membership..... | 353 |

Total amount of dues to the Supreme Council \$616 ; which sum was collected by me and paid over to the Grand Secretary General.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. T. CARSON. 38°,

Dep.: Ins.: Gen.: for the State of Ohio.

INDIANA.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third Degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The Deputy for Indiana District submits the following report for year ending June 30, 1873 :

INDIANAPOLIS.

Adoniram Grand Lodge of Perfection.

Number of members returned last year, 285 ; joined by card, 22 ; deaths, 5 ; withdrawals, 9 ; expulsion, 1 ; suspensions, 0 ; initiates, 19 ; omitted in former report, 5 ; total membership, 266 ; dues, \$62.00 ; paid.

Saraiat Council Princes of Jerusalem.

Number of members returned last year, 190 ; joined by card, 22 ; omitted in former returns, 2 ; deaths, 3 ; withdrawals, 14 ; expulsion, 1 ; suspensions, 4 ; initiates, 12 ; total membership, 204 ; dues, \$41.00 ; paid.

Indianapolis Chapter Rose Croix.

Number of members returned last year, 150 ; joined by card, 21 ; deaths, 8 ; withdrawals, 12 ; expulsion, 1 ; suspension, 1 ; initiates, 12 ; total membership, 166 ; dues, \$29.00 ; paid.

Indiana Consistory.

Number of members returned last year, 138 ; omitted in former returns, 1 ; deaths, 3 ; withdrawals, 8 ; expulsion, 1 ; suspension, 1 ; initiates, 6 ; total membership, 132 ; dues, \$35.00 ; paid.

NEW ALBANY.

Burning Bush Lodge of Perfection.

Number of members returned last year, 124 ; deaths, 2 ; withdrawals, 8 ; expulsions, 7 ; suspensions, 0 ; initiates, 7 ; total membership, 114 ; dues, \$26.00 ; paid.

Zerubbabel Council Princes of Jerusalem.

Number of members returned last year, 81 ; death, 1 ; withdrawals, 0 ; expulsions, 0 ; suspensions, 0 ; initiates, 2 ; total membership, 82 ; dues, \$11.00 ; paid.

Mount Moriah Chapter Rose Croix.

Number of members returned last year, 68; death, 1; withdrawals, 2; expulsions, 2; suspensions, 0; initiates, 3; total membership, 64; dues, \$11.00; paid.

De Molay Consistory.

Number returned last year, 68; death, 1; withdrawals, 2; expulsions, 2; suspensions, 0; initiates, 3; total membership, 66; dues, \$20.00; paid.

FORT WAYNE.*Fort Wayne Lodge of Perfection.*

Number of members returned last year, 26; death, 1; withdrawals, 0; expulsions, 0; suspensions, 0; initiates, 0; total membership, 25; dues, \$5.00; paid.

Fort Wayne Council Princes of Jerusalem.

Number of members reported last year, 24; deaths, 0; withdrawals, 0; expulsions, 0; suspension, 1; initiates, 0; total membership, 23; dues, \$5.00; paid.

Fort Wayne Chapter Rose Croix.

Number of members returned last year, 25; death, 1; withdrawals, 0; expulsions, 0; suspensions, 0; total membership, 24; dues, \$5.00; paid.

Fort Wayne Consistory.

Number of members returned last year, 25; death, 1; withdrawals, 0; expulsions, 0; suspensions, 0; initiates, 0; dues, \$5.00; paid.

RICHMOND.*Richmond Consistory.*

Surrendered charter April 19, 1873. Dues, 1871 and 1872, \$10.00; paid.

Richmond Chapter Rose Croix.

Surrendered charter April 19, 1873. Dues, 1871 and 1872, \$10.00; paid.

Richmond Council Princes of Jerusalem.

Surrendered charter April 19, 1873. Dues, 1871 and 1872, \$10.00; paid.

Richmond Lodge of Perfection.

Surrendered charter April 19, 1873. Dues, 1871 and 1872, \$10.00; paid.

RECAPITULATION DUES PAID.

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| Indianapolis Bodies..... | \$167.00 |
| New Albany " | 68.00 |
| Fort Wayne " | 20.00 |
| Richmond " | 40.00 |
| | <u>\$295.00</u> |

RECAPITULATION DUES UNPAID.

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| Lafayette Consistory, | 1871 and 1872..... | \$10.00 |
| " " | 1873 | 5.00 |
| | | _____ \$15.00 |
| " Chapter, | 1871 and 1872..... | 10.00 |
| " " | 1873..... | 5.00 |
| | | _____ 15.00 |
| " Council, | 1871 and 1872..... | 10.00 |
| " " | 1873 | 5.00 |
| | | _____ 15.00 |
| " L.: of P.:, | 1871 and 1872 | 10.00 |
| " " | 1873. | 5.00 |
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| | | _____ \$ 60.00 |

LOGANSFORT.

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| Logan Council, | 1871 and 1872..... | 10.00 |
| " " | 1873..... | 5.00 |
| | | _____ 15.00 |
| Hamilton L.: of P.:, | 1871 and 1872..... | 10.00 |
| " " | 1873..... | 5.00 |
| | | _____ 15.00 |
| Anderson L.: of P.:, | 1871 and 1872..... | 10.00 |
| " " | 1873..... | 5.00 |
| | | _____ 15.00 |
| | | _____ 15.00 |
| Cambridge L.: of P.:, 1870, '71 and '72..... | 15.00 | |
| " " | 1873 | 5.00 |
| | | _____ 20.00 |
| | | _____ 20.00 |
| | | _____ \$125.00 |

On the 19th day of April, 1873, the Richmond Consistory, Chapter, Council and Lodge of Perfection by formal action resolved to surrender their charters. Accompanying this report are the certified copies of such resolutions. I recommend that the surrender be accepted. The charters have been returned to me, and will be delivered to the Council at its coming session. Fraternally submitted,

J. CAVEN, 33°,
Deputy for Indiana

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, Oct. 3, 1873.

To M.: P.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America:

In making this my annual report to the Supreme Council of the condition of the Rite in this District, I am glad to be able to state, that,

with slight exceptions, everything is satisfactory and encouraging. An evidence of a growing interest in the Rite and an augury of its future is found in the attention which has been given to the proper fitting up of rooms and the procuring of all the paraphernalia needful for the proper conferring of the degrees and Orders. Men do not readily put their means into an enterprise in which they take no hearty interest, and the generous sums contributed by the Brethren for the above mentioned purposes, prove their zeal and determination to do everything in their power to advance the interests of the Rite.

Another evidence of the spirit and purpose of our Brethren is found in the general effort to memorize the work, which has added immeasurably to its impressiveness.

The following communication from the Bodies in the Valley of Springfield, through Ill.: Bros.: HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, 33°, and ORLIN H. MINER, 33°, was received by us in June, and submitted with our annual address to the Council of Deliberation.

“ SPRINGFIELD, ILL., June 6, 1873.

“ Ill.: Bro.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°, *Inspector General, Active Member, and Deputy Supreme Council A.: A.: S.: Rite, Illinois.*

“ DEAR SIR:—The undersigned, Inspectors General, 33°, Honorary, A.: A.: S.: Rite, crave leave to say, that they are in receipt from Gr.: S.: ‘Ill.: Council of Deliberation,’ of blank returns for H. A. Johnson Gr.: L.: of Perfection, Rensselaer Council of Pr.: of Jer.:, Lively Chapter Rose Croix, and Carson Consistory S.: P.: R.: S.:, and the same are returned for reasons as here set down.

“ 1. See document on pages 14 and 15, Proceedings Council of Deliberation for 1872.

“ 2. Ill.: Bro.: MINER, 33°, is in possession of all written matter in connection with the finances of the Bodies here that is in existence, and has mental knowledge in connection with them possessed by no one else. The state of his health precludes any action, or even thought, upon the subject now, and in view of absence soon, for some time to come.

“ 3. It is detrimental to the interests of Scottish Masonry to permit the Bodies to exist here any longer.

“ The undersigned do therefore, in their general capacity as Inspectors General, recommend:

“ 1. That the charters of the above named Bodies be vacated.

“ 2. That the undersigned, with Ill.: Bro.: THOMAS C. SMITH, be appointed a committee to settle with the several members of said Bodies, give them receipts and pay the debts due from said Bodies so far as the money collected will suffice.

“ 3. That with the exception of the undersigned and said Ill.: Bro.: THOMAS C. SMITH, no member of said Bodies, or either of them, shall be

permitted to affiliate with any other Body of this Rite, until they present a receipt or certificate showing that all indebtedness is paid.

"Given under our hands at Springfield, Illinois, this the 6th day of June, 1873.

"H. G. REYNOLDS, 33°,
"ORLIN H. MINER, 33°."

This, with the address, was referred to the Committee on Business, and subsequently to the Committee on the Condition of the Rite, who presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

"As far as the communication received from Ill.: Bros.: H. G. REYNOLDS, 33°, and ORLIN H. MINER, 33°, of Carson Consistory, is concerned, as submitted by the Ill.: Deputy in his address, although deplored the unhappy condition of affairs apparently existing in that Body, as shown in this letter and in the report submitted to the Council of Deliberation at its last session, yet we feel loth to recommend any further action than that the Ill.: Deputy submit the whole matter to the Supreme Council at its next meeting, to take such steps as may in their judgment be calculated to promote the interests of the Rite."

In obedience to those instructions, I submit the whole matter to the Supreme Council, with the recommendation that the request of the petitioners be granted, if consistent with the rules and usages of the Council and the true interests of the Rite. And in view of their financial embarrassment, I would also recommend that the dues of the four Bodies in the Valley of Springfield, be remitted by the Supreme Council.

I am called upon to make the sad announcement of an irreparable loss to the Rite in the departure from the scenes of his earthly labors and achievements of Dr. NATHAN FAY PRENTICE, 33°, who died in Freeport, April 19, 1873. He was an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, and at the time of his death Ill.: Commander-in-Chief of Freeport Consistory.

To no member in this District is the Rite under profounder obligations for faithful and efficient service. True and faithful in all the relations of life, of eminent ability and usefulness in his profession, he brought to the service of the Rite an unspotted character, an unsullied reputation, a disinterested love, in fine all the qualifications which could exalt and dignify work, with a zeal that knew no abatement, but held him firmly to his post when the hand of death was upon him. The fatal illness seized him when he was surrounded by his brethren, engaged in the congenial work of conferring the thirtieth grade. He was compelled to retire from the Hall a few moments, and then returned to complete the final task of his life, and went home to die. The most fitting words that human bereavement could frame or human tongues could utter have been spoken, but the heart aches on and the mournful vacancy remains.

It is also my sad duty to announce the departure of GEORGE WARREN PETTEE, 33°, who died in Chicago, August 9, 1873, after a brief illness.

He was born in Richmond, Mass., Nov. 17, 1880; he moved to Chicago, in May, 1854; was married to Emma Jane Thompson, of this city, May 28, 1868. He has left no family but his companion to mourn his departure. For a number of years he was engaged in railroad matters, but the last years of his life were successfully devoted to commercial pursuits. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Wm. B. Warren Lodge, No. 211, March 13, 1858; took the Fellow Craft degree March 27th; was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason April 3d; advanced to the degree of Mark Master July 9th; Past Master July 16th; Most Excellent Master July 16th; and exalted to the Royal Arch degree July 23d; and received the Royal and Select Master's degrees all in the year 1858. He was knighted in Appollo Commandery, No. 1, Sept. 2, 1859; took the Scottish Rite degrees in Occidental Consistory, and its associate Bodies in 1864, and was advanced to the 33°, and admitted to Honorary Membership of the Supreme Council in Boston, in May, 1866. He has filled various prominent offices in the Bodies of the Rite, always with fidelity and credit to himself and his Brethren.

, He was taken to his last resting place by the Brethren of Wm. B. Warren Lodge, No. 211, A.: F.: and A.: M.:, of which he was a member, and in which he had served as Worshipful Master in 1862, '63 and '64. He was one of the many modest and retiring men who, while respected by all, are really known to only a favored few. No truer friend ever lived. No more generous heart ever beat in a human breast. His life was full of charity and good deeds, but in all he literally obeyed the injunction, "Let not the left hand know what the right hand doeth." Sad hearts have been cheered, tears have been dried, necessities relieved by his tender, thoughtful sympathy, and the relieved know not the source whence the benefactions came.

I cannot close this, my last report to your Body, without a grateful recognition of the uniform kindness, consideration and courtesy I have received from the Most Puissant and the officers and members of the Supreme Council during my term of Deputyship. I have discharged the duties of the honorable position to which your generous partiality elevated me as fully as my ability and the cares and struggles of my daily life would allow. It has been the chief glory and pride of my life to associate in official relations with the eminent men who constitute your Council; men who have honored the best paths of human thought and action by their transcendent ability and worth. I am proud of your companionship, grateful for your generosity, and in retiring from a position which it is impossible for me to longer occupy, even if you desired it, I pour out the fullness of my heart in benedictions for you.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°,

Deputy for Illinois.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, October 20, 1873.

*Ill.: J. H. DRUMMOND, 33°, Sov.: Gr.: Commander Supreme Council
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.*

DEAR SIR AND ILL.: BRO.:—The Ancient and Accepted Rite in this jurisdiction is steadily moving forward and enjoying a fair degree of prosperity. The members are loyal and true to the interest of the work they have in hand. There was no Council of Deliberation held during the year, there seeming to be no special demand for it, and it necessarily would be attended with considerable expense. Two Bodies have ceased to exist during the present year, and their members have united with the bodies in this city.

WORK DONE.

Detroit. The Bodies in this city during the present year have leased a fine suit of rooms for a term of years, have fitted them up at considerable expense, and are now able to work fully the principal grades of the Rite. Ill.: Bro.: CARSON, 33°, Gr.: Lt.-Commander of the Supreme Council, and Ill.: Bro.: HAYWOOD, 32°, of Cincinnati, were present at our last annual meeting, and rendered valuable assistance in conferring all of the grades upon ten worthy candidates. Returns have been made to the Secretary General.

Adrian. The Bodies in this city have done no work for the past three years. A meeting of Zion Lodge and Darius Council was called about three months since, and by unanimous vote they agreed to surrender their charters, and the members of those Bodies have united with Carson Lodge and Council in this city. The charters are in my possession, and will be returned to the Supreme Council at the ensuing session.

Jackson. The Bodies at Jackson have done some work during the past year. Returns have been made to the Supreme Council and dues paid for 1872 and 1873.

Kalamazoo. The Bodies located in this Valley have done but little work during the past year. There is good material in that section of the State that can be added to the Bodies in that Valley, and as the membership possess good working ability, I have no doubt but they will be able to build up and maintain large and flourishing Bodies in that District. Returns from Kalamazoo have been made and dues paid.

Allegan. The Lodge of Perfection in this Valley has done no work during the past year. Returns have been made during the past year and dues paid. I have no doubt ere long the members of this Lodge will surrender their charter, and the members unite with the Lodge at Kalamazoo.

Grand Rapids. The Lodge and Council in this Valley have awakened from their lethargy, and have done some good work during the past year. I visited them a few months since, and assisted in conferring the

grades upon four worthy candidates. Returns as yet have not been received.

Fraternally,

D. BURNHAM TRACY,

Deputy.

WISCONSIN.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, thirty-third degree, of the A.: and A.: S.: Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America :

I have the honor to report that peace and harmony continue to prevail among the members of the Rite in the State of Wisconsin.

The Bodies of the Rite at Portage City have done but little work during the past year, owing in part to the fact that suitable apartments could not well be obtained, and that the officers of those Bodies were reluctant to attempt the conferring of the degrees until they were more proficient in the ritual.

At Milwaukee the Bodies have done a reasonable amount of work, and throughout the State an increased interest in the prosperity of the Rite is clearly perceptible.

A Council of Deliberation, over which I had the honor to preside, was held in the City of Milwaukee, on the 17th of January last, at which all the Bodies in the State were represented.

The following named officers were present and participated in the deliberations :

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| Sub.: Pr.: | MELVIN L. YOUNGS, 33°, . . . | 1st Lt.: Commander. |
| " " | JED. P. C. COTTRILL, 33°, . . . | as 2d Lt.: Commander. |
| " " | EMMONS TAYLOR, 32°, . . . | G.: M.: of S.: and G.: O.: |
| " " | J. WATTS, 32°, . . . | G.: C.: |
| " " | A. V. H. CARPENTER, 33°, . . . | G.: T.: |
| " " | WM. T. PALMER, 33°, . . . | K.: of S.: and A.: |
| " " | CHARLES M. COTTRILL, 32°, as E.: and A.: | |
| " " | L. ELLSWORTH, 32°, . . . | G.: H.: |
| " " | R. B. BATES, 32°, . . . | M.: of C.: |
| " " | CHARLES T. DUTTON, 32°, . . . | Gr.: C.: of G.: |
| " " | WILLIAM E. KITTRIDGE, 32°, . . . | Gr.: St.: B.: |
| " " | LEONARD BARRETT, 32°, . . . | Gr.: S.: |

The truly fraternal condition of the Rite requiring no special legislation or consideration, the Council proceeded to elect the following named officers for the ensuing year, to wit:

1st Lt.-Commander, Sub.: Pr.: MELVIN L. YOUNGS, 33°.

2d " " " " ALBERT E. POUND, 32°.

G.: M.: of S.: and Or.:, " " EMMONS TAYLOR, 32°.

Gr.: Chancellor, " " J. WATTS, 32°.

Gr.: E.: and A.:, " " GEO. C. TEALL, 32°.

*Gr.: Hospitaller, " " L. ELLSWORTH, 32°.
Gr.: M.: of C.:, " " R. B. BATES, 32°.
Gr.: C.: of G.:, " " CHARLES T. DUTTON, 32°.
Gr.: S.: B.:, " " W.M. E. KITTREDGE, 32°.
Gr.: Sentinel, " " LEONARD BARRETT, 32°.*

The appointed officers were as follows:

*Gr.: K.: of S.: and A.:, Sub.: Pr.: W.M. T. PALMER, 33°.
Gr.: Treasurer, " " ALBERT V. H. CARPENTER, 33°.
Gr.: Prior, " " JED. P. C. COTTRILL, 33°.*

The above named officers were then duly installed.

No further action was had which requires the consideration of the Supreme Council. Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN BLODGET ALDEN, 33°,
Deputy for Wisconsin.

ABSTRACT
OF THE
Proceedings of Councils of Deliberation.

MAINE.

None held.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

None held.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A session of the Council of Deliberation of the District of Massachusetts, was held in Sutton Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, on Friday, May 28, 1873, at four o'clock P. M., to which the first four officers of the Lodges of Perfection and of the Councils of Princes of Jerusalem; the first three officers of the Chapters of Rose Croix and of the Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; and the Illustrious Brethren of the 33°, were summoned for the transaction of business appertaining to the welfare of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

There were present nine Active and twenty-nine Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, residing in Massachusetts, and also Representatives from all the chartered Bodies in the State.

The Council was honored with the presence of Ill.: J. BRADLEY BRAYTON, 33°, of Newport, R. I., Ill.: STEPHEN GOULD, 32°, Gr.: Secretary of the Rhode Island Council of Deliberation, and other Illustrious Brethren, all of whom were heartily welcomed.

The Massachusetts Council of Deliberation was opened in due form at four o'clock P. M.

The Grand Prior, the Rev. and Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES H. TITUS, 33°, invoked the Divine blessing upon the assembly.

On motion of Ill.: WYZEMAN MARSHALL, 33°, the reading of the Record of the last Session of the Council was dispensed with, the pro-

ceedings having been printed and copies of them distributed to the members.

Ill.: Z. H. THOMAS, JR., 33°, moved the appointment of a Committee on Credentials, which motion was adopted, and the Deputy appointed a committee consisting of Ill.: Z. H. THOMAS, JR., 33°, Ill.: HENRY P. PERKINS, 32°, and Ill.: HENRY C. WILSON, 32°, who reported that all present were duly entitled to seats in the Council.

The Ill.: Commander-in-Chief then delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS OF THE ILL.: DEPUTY.

Illustrious Brethren:

It is indeed pleasant for us to again grasp hands so warmly extended and to earnestly echo each other's hearty greeting; yet knowing that, in obedience to the summons to this Council of Deliberation, you have left the scenes of active business, many of you, doubtless, burdened with greatly increased care and anxiety resulting from the late disastrous conflagration, it seems eminently proper for me, in behalf of the Ancient Accepted Rite, to return you one and all grateful thanks for your prompt and cheerful attendance, which clearly indicates your ardent zeal for the welfare of this branch of the glorious institution of masonry, which we all love so dearly.

To our distinguished visitors I also extend a cordial and heartfelt welcome, hoping that they may derive from the pleasures of the day some slight return for the great gratification their valued presence affords us.

PREVIOUS SESSIONS.

The first session of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation was held on the 20th of December, 1868, the second on the 21st of May, 1869, the third on the 6th of May, 1870, the fourth on the 31st of October, 1871. On account of a delay in printing, occasioned by circumstances beyond the power of the printer to control, the proceedings of the session held in the fall of 1871 were not issued until the spring of 1872, at which time I was, as chairman of a Committee of Arrangements, devoting my best energies in my hours of leisure towards perfecting the arrangements for the hospitable entertainment of a Commandery of Knights Templar of Philadelphia, which contemplated visiting Boston, and as there then appeared to be no immediate necessity for assembling the Council again so soon, I deemed it best to defer the session until the following November, when, however, the terrible fire which visited Boston forced me to postpone action until a more convenient and suitable opportunity.

THANKS.

I trust we have at last assembled at an auspicious time, and let us be fervently thankful to a kind Providence that so many of us, in the enjoyment of health, have been spared to meet here again. Our gratitude becomes all the more ardent when we reflect upon the manifold lia-

bilities to grievous accidents and death which ever encompass us. The past year has been remarkable for a series of frightful and shocking calamities that have swept from existence a vast number of human lives, and it will long be known as the year of catastrophes. We have witnessed the horrid holocausts of helpless mortals imprisoned in burning buildings and doomed to suffer agonies at which the imagination sickens. Violence and murder have stalked forth almost with the freedom of the wind ; vessels have collided and steamers have been burned or wrecked, and their living freights have frantically tried the doubtful mercies of the raging waters. Railway trains have telescoped, tearing passengers limb from limb ; trains have been hurled down steep embankments, and the dismal flames have consumed the mangled victims imprisoned in the horrible wrecks. It will task the energies of years to completely repair the damages of recent conflagrations, and the attendant and consequent loss of lives will long be vividly remembered. The stroke of the fire-bell yet thrills every listener with a shock of terror. Thrice thankful are we to a gracious Providence for our own safety, while we shudder at the dire calamities and horrible disasters which have so speedily followed each other, that a review of any single month's record is sufficient to awaken the most serious reflection, and make unusually timely that solemn mood to which we are so often inclined, and which is so well expressed by T. B. ALDRICH in the following stanzas :

AN UNTIMELY THOUGHT.

“ I wonder what day of the week,
 I wonder what month of the year—
 Will it be midnight or morning?
 And who will bend over my bier ?

“ What a hideous fancy to come
 As I wait at the foot of the stair,
 While Eleanor gives the last touch
 To her robe, or the rose in her hair !

“ As the carriage rolls down the dark street,
 The little wife laughs and makes cheer—
 But—I wonder what day of the week,
 I wonder what month of the year !”

And true it is that

“ Our hearts, though stout and brave,
 Still like muffled drums are beating
 Funeral marches to the grave.”

IN MEMORIAM.

Ill.: Bro.: RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, 33°, “ took the degree of eternity ” at his home in Newburyport, on Friday, January 19, 1872, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He well filled the measure of his days on earth,

and left an honorable record of earnest and successful endeavors to be useful to his fellow men. In his death the City of Newburyport has lost a valuable citizen, and the poor a most faithful and generous benefactor. He was one of the oldest Brethren of our Fraternity, and was largely identified with its best interests, to which he gave a great deal of time and study. In an address delivered in a Lodge of Sorrow held last year at Louisville, Ky., ALBERT PIKE, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Supreme Council, paid a deserved tribute to his memory. He was a man of most excellent character, a skillful physician, a steadfast friend, an affectionate father, and a truly generous mason, who delighted in contributing to the comfort and happiness of all about him.

“ Lives of ‘ good ’ men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.”

With deep regret, also, I record the death of Ill.: Bro.: FREDERICK H. DORR, 33°, a resident of the City of Buenos Ayres, in the Argentine Republic, South America. He was born in Roxbury, Mass., and passed his early life in Boston. He received the 32° in Boston Consistory December 16, 1864. He was created a Sov.: Gr.: Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary member of the Supreme Council, September 28, 1866, and was constituted its representative near the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic. He died of pneumonia at the United States Hotel in Boston, January 30, 1873. He was a man of estimable character, an upright merchant, and a zealous mason.

Ill.: Bro.: JONATHAN MILLER SPALDING, 33°, died of consumption at the old family mansion in Lowell, on Sunday, the 26th of May, 1872, at the age of forty-two years. Being of a quiet and unobtrusive disposition, he never sought any high official position. He was sincerely attached to masonry, and was a constant attendant at the meetings of the Fraternity. His pleasant manners and kindness of heart made him a general favorite with all who enjoyed his society.

“In the midst of life we are in death.”

We miss also from our ranks to-day, SAMUEL JOHN MILLS HOMER, an Illustrious Inspector General of the 33°, who died at his residence in Boston, Monday, December 9, 1872, at the age of a little over fifty-two years. Many of the Brethren read the sad announcement of his death who were unaware of his illness. At the great fire in Boston he contracted a severe cold, which resulted in an attack of pneumonia and erysipelas. At a time when fears which had been felt with regard to his condition were greatly allayed, and he was thought to be convalescent, he suddenly sank into a state of weakness from which he did not rally. The funeral services were held at Emmanuel Church, Thursday, December 12th, Rev. PHILLIPS BROOKS officiating, and many masonic Brethren were present. Ill.: Bro.: HOMER was M.: Eq.:

Sov.: P.: G.: Master of Boston Council of Princes of Jerusalem when it united with Giles F. Yates Council, and to him great credit is due for his earnest efforts to perfect that happy union. At the time of his decease he was the M.: E.: and P.: K.: Senior Warden of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, in the prosperity of which he felt a profound interest. He was always social, courteous and cheerful, and his genial presence and familiar voice will be sadly missed at our gatherings.

The loss of our beloved Brethren overwhelms us with a mighty sorrow. We not only miss their fellowship, but grieve that they are taken away, we know not where.

“ For this alone on Death I wreak
The grief that garners in my heart ;
He puts our lives so far apart
We cannot hear each other speak.”

Yet we know that fraternal ties, sundered by the touch of death, will be reunited in everlasting bliss, for

“ There is no death : what seems so is transition :
This life of mortal breath
Is but the suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death.”

“ O death, where is thy sting ? O grave, where is thy victory ?”

That we may enter upon our records our great regard for our deceased brethren, I recommend the appointment of committees to prepare suitable tributes to their memory and worth.

AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTIONS.

Since our last session several amendments to the Constitutions of the Supreme Council have been made, to which I wish to call your attention.

Article 34 has been amended by adding to the first paragraph the following clause : “ If the Deputy of the Supreme Council should fail to be present at any District meeting, the Ill.: First Lieut.-Commander, or, in his absence, the Ill.: Second Lieut.-Commander shall preside, provided an Active Member of the Supreme Council be present, in which case the officer presiding shall forthwith, after the close of such meeting, transmit to the Ill.: Deputy of the State a full report of all the proceedings of such meeting.” The passage of this amendment necessitates a change in Articles III and V of the Constitutions of this Grand Council, relating to the office of Deputy Grand Commander, which office is virtually abolished.

The paragraph of Article 39, relating to the qualifications for degrees, has been amended by striking out the word “ affiliated ” and adding the words “ in the State of his residence,” so that the paragraph now reads :

"The degrees conferred in a Lodge of Perfection shall not be conferred upon any person unless he is a Master Mason in good standing in the State of his residence."

Article 48 has been amended by adding after the second paragraph the clause: "No subordinate Body or member of such Body shall recognize as a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite any person whose residence is within the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council who shall hereafter, while so residing, receive the degrees in some other jurisdiction, without having first obtained the consent of the bodies of the Rite having jurisdiction over him, or of the Sov.: Grand Commander of this Supreme Council, or of the Deputy of the State in which he resides."

The Articles concerning the election of officers have been so amended that the Lodges of Perfection, Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and Consistories, shall hold their elections at the stated meetings on or before the feast days formerly appointed for the same.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Lodges of Perfection will hold their next annual election of officers at the stated meeting on or next preceding Friday, February 20, 1874. The Councils of Princes of Jerusalem will hold their election at the stated meeting on or next preceding Friday, January 9, 1874. The Chapters of Rose Croix will elect their officers on Holy Thursday (Ascension Day), May 14, 1874. The triennial election of officers in Massachusetts Consistory will take place at the stated meeting on or before the 27th of December, 1873.

ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES.

The following substitute for Article 31 has been adopted:

"All returns shall be made by the first day of July in each year.

"One copy of returns, with dues, shall be made to the Deputy of the District.

"One copy of the returns shall be made to the Gr.: Secretary General.

"The returns to both officers above mentioned shall be made by the first day of August in each year.

"The Deputy of the District shall make his returns and pay over the dues of the subordinate Bodies by the fifteenth day of August in each year.

"The Secretary of each Body shall immediately after each election of officers transmit a certificate thereof to the Deputy of the District, and to the Grand Secretary General, with the Post Office address of the Secretary."

As all the Bodies will be furnished with blank returns in triplicate early in June, it is sincerely hoped by the Deputy that no Secretary will fail to promptly complete the returns of his Body and forward them to

him, with the dues, early in July, so that he may not only make a consolidated report in good season, but may have the pleasant satisfaction of knowing that not in a single instance will he be obliged to experience the mortification of reporting a delinquent, and that the interest of the Rite in this particular will be duly maintained.

CHARTER CANCELED.

The charter of Harmony Lodge of Perfection, of Lynn, has been canceled, agreeable to the petition of its officers and in accordance with the order of the Supreme Council, so that the Valley of Lynn, having been declared vacant, has reverted to the jurisdiction of Sutton Lodge of Perfection.

JURISDICTION.

A regulation was adopted by this Grand Council, May 21, 1869, "That the jurisdiction of the several Bodies be fixed at the distance half way between the town and city in which the Bodies of the same grade are located, and that Bodies established in the same town or city have common jurisdiction over the same territory." In a few cases this regulation has not been strictly complied with, and in one instance complaint has been made of its infraction. It may appear to you advisable to establish the jurisdictions anew, or at least to assign them definite boundaries, so as to obviate many apparent infringements. It has been suggested that a change can be effected that will give to all the Bodies an extensive territory in common, while a sufficiently large jurisdiction will be reserved exclusively for each Body. In this connection it is well to call your attention to the second paragraph of Article 43 of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, which provides that "whenever application shall be made for the degrees to any Lodge, Council, Chapter, or Consistory other than the one nearest the place of residence of the applicant, no action shall be taken thereon until the Body of the same grade nearest his place of residence shall have been notified, and a sufficient time elapsed for a reply to be received as to his character and the circumstances of the case; but this shall not apply as between the cities of New York or Brooklyn, or in any city in which there is more than one Body of the same grade."

SEALS.

The returns of last year show that a few of the Bodies have no seals, which defect may be excusable on the part of the Bodies whose seals have been destroyed by fire, but no Body should neglect to promptly furnish itself with a seal, for no masonic Body can properly discharge its duties without the means of affixing its seal to its official documents.

This Grand Council has had no occasion to use a seal, but as circumstances may at any time require its use, the propriety of procuring an appropriate seal is forcibly suggested. One would have been already procured did I not firmly believe that no expenditure involving the funds

of a masonic Body should be incurred by any officer or member without the previous sanction of the Body.

BY-LAWS.

The Constitutions of the Supreme Council provide that the by-laws of the Bodies of the Rite must be submitted to the Deputy of the State and be approved by him before taking effect, and a copy sent to the Grand Keeper of the Archives of the Supreme Council to be filed. Sutton Lodge of Perfection and Massachusetts Consistory have submitted to me copies of their by-laws for approval, and, as it seems eminently proper, I submit them for the examination, correction and approval of the Grand Council, trusting that a committee of this Body will devote to the subject of the by-laws of the Bodies in this District, the time, zeal and earnest labor which their present condition imperatively demands.

When the statutes are approved, may Massachusetts Consistory set an excellent example for all the other Bodies to imitate, by publishing its statutes, with a copy of its charter and a list of its officers and members in full. Such a work will prove of lasting value to the Brethren and reflect great credit on Massachusetts Consistory.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Although it is not just to expect all the Bodies in the District to flourish with equal prosperity, yet, as we find that success has in a great measure crowned all earnest efforts, it follows that more persistent endeavors on the part of some of the officers of the Rite will lead to the greater and more enduring prosperity of the Bodies which have honored them by their election to office. This remark is not intended as censure, for there is no fear that general apathy will take command of our forces and fritter away our strength; but its object is to institute the inquiry among the officers of the Bodies whether their efforts in behalf of the Bodies are their best, and more particularly whether they are directed in a way to produce the greatest ultimate prosperity. We all know that something more than masterly inactivity is necessary to keep the Bodies in the front rank. Ours is a serious Rite, full of earnest work, and as every great work is carried on more by the few than the many, the Bodies are justly entitled to a cheerful, zealous and faithful discharge of duty by their officers. To confer our grand and solemn degrees in such a manner as to make them attractive to members and impressive, and full of interest to candidates, requires of the officers much time and careful attention. An officer should do his full duty or else resign promptly. No Brother should be elected to two prominent offices in different branches of the Rite at the same time, for the practice of holding a plurality of offices is contrary as well to the genius of masonry as to sound policy.

"LABOR STANDS ON GOLDEN FEET."

The more brethren there are who take a lively interest in the success of the Bodies, the more smoothly, easily and perfectly will the affairs of the Bodies run. Experience teaches that nothing more interests the brethren and renders them more ready and eager to perform any extra duty that may be assigned them than the knowledge that their officers promptly, fully and faithfully discharge the duties of their stations. If at times everything does not go to suit and satisfy our wishes, let us remember that we take the sunshine and the storm as part of the contract. "Delay, discouragement and transient defeat are as inevitable a part of every great movement as the enduring courage and renewed enthusiasm that finally carry it to victory." "Work is the only universal currency which will purchase success. It is the fairy wand which turns all things into what we most desire." "The Gods sell everything good for labor" is a maxim in which wise men believe. However blessed the purpose nothing can prosper without work. Ours is a hard-working Rite, yet it has its pleasures harmoniously blending with its work, like the variations of a musical theme, and in it masonry furnishes some of its choicest pleasures as well as highest enjoyments. There is a joy in our toil which compensates us for all its pains. It is for the future that we labor, and we can enjoy no sweeter remembrance than that which gives us assurance that we have labored not altogether in vain to perfect an institution from which we have derived such priceless benefits.

While we may well take pride in the great progress the Rite has made in Massachusetts the past few years, and feel great satisfaction with what has already been accomplished, yet let us by no means accept the present high condition of the Rite as the limit which should satisfy our aims. Let us see what, if anything, besides faithful and efficient officers, and companionable and zealous members will tend to promote the welfare of the Bodies we represent, and enhance the dignity of the Order.

FINANCIAL PROSPERITY.

Perhaps I am wrong in my conviction, but it does appear to me that while the lovers of Freemasonry exhibit great enthusiasm in the advancement of their profession, they lamentably fail in their endeavors to promote the financial prosperity of the working Bodies to the extent their importance merits, and the future welfare of the Order demands. Men strive early and late with all their might to acquire fortunes, yet it is a sad truth that but comparatively few of them secure a competency for the declining years of their lives. "Trace men from the heyday of business life to the sear and yellow leaf, and you will find few in independent circumstances." And what do we observe in masonry? Many of our masonic Bodies, once sound and prosperous, are now extinct, and where one Body has a competency, hundreds sim-

ply struggle to maintain an existence. Seldom do we see any well-organized effort to secure in time a fund which would render the Body, what every masonic Body should in a great measure be, self-supporting, and which would also enable it to contribute liberally to the relief of masons in distress.

It is greatly to the credit of the Bodies that, through their own limited means and the frequent subscriptions of the charitable brethren, so many noble deeds of charity have been done; and to the lasting credit of the officers is it who have made the really moderate means at their disposal go a wonderfully long way in liquidating the running expenses of their Bodies, and yet have managed to eke out a little charity, which under the circumstances might almost have been termed judicious extravagance.

Hon. CARL SCHURZ says "that there is no civil service in the world so economical as the Prussian, and there is considerable truth in the saying that 'Prussia starved herself into greatness.'" Now we do not favor starvation, neither do we like either parsimony on the one hand nor extravagance on the other. We sympathize with that practical spirit which uses the experience of the past for a guide in the present, and sincerely believe in that wise economy and skillful management which will place the Bodies of the Rite on enduring foundations.

If the injunction implied in the quotation, "A good man leaveth an inheritance," be worth following by man, who is mortal and of few days, and it is the law that each generation, in order to fulfill its destiny, shall labor until another takes its place and receives the benefits of its good works, then why is it not all the more incumbent on us of the present generation to contribute something of a financial nature to increase the usefulness of the Bodies, and not hand them down to our successors in as destitute a condition as we received them from our predecessors? What excuse is there for the neglect of our bounden duty, when all that is necessary to accomplish so worthy an object is to use more systematic diligence in the collection of dues and to exercise a more rigid economy in the expenditures by the Bodies?

PERMANENT FUNDS.

The Supreme Council has set the example in a very conservative management of its financial affairs by a retrenchment of its expenses and by a rigid scrutiny of its disbursements, so that it may reap the greatest possible benefit from its well-earned and limited income. It has unanimously adopted a resolution to set apart one-fifth of the annual receipts to constitute a permanent fund; and while recognizing the primary importance of raising from the dues alone an income sufficient to meet the running expenses, I know of no plan which I can more heartily recommend to all the Bodies in the jurisdiction than the adoption of a similar provision; so that, as time rolls on, the income of the permanent funds may greatly lessen the burden, if not fully meet the expenses of the Bodies. Such a course will ultimately render our Bodies self-

sustaining, and then they can easily and grandly maintain that high position in the fraternity to which the elevated character of the Ancient Accepted Rite justly entitles them.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

In arranging for the financial welfare of the Bodies of our Rite, it is our duty also to provide ample security against failure in that object. Fortunately, the Supreme Council, with a view to secure the preservation of the funds of the Rite, has succeeded in obtaining from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts an act to incorporate "The Trustees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry," with powers to receive and execute the trusts made to them by any of the associations of the Rite. Here, then, is afforded an easy opportunity for all the Bodies to place any funds at their disposal where they will be safely invested in the best class of permanent securities, under the control of a board of trustees of competent financial ability. The well-invested and properly-managed fund of a masonic Body is not only a solid basis of prosperity, but it is a bond of permanent union, which nothing but outrageous extravagance or fraud can destroy, and which will tend more than any other one thing to preserve the existence of the Body intact for centuries.

The demands of a wise economy have required that no large expenditures should be incurred by our Grand Council, so that we fortunately have a surplus for permanent investment, and I would earnestly recommend that we set an example for all of our subordinates to follow by instructing the Grand Treasurer to deposit, from time to time, such sums of money as the Committee on Finance shall deem expedient with "The Trustees of the Supreme Council," to be held in trust and subject to the order of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES.

The Constitutions of the Supreme Council provide that every candidate who hereafter receives the highest degree conferred by any subordinate Body becomes thereby a member of such Body, and his name shall be inscribed by the Secretary upon the roll of members. As a different custom prevails in the York Rite in this State, some of our initiates have been surprised to find themselves, after the lapse of a few years, not only members in full standing of Bodies of the four grades, but greatly in arrears for dues in some of them. Consequently care should be taken by the Secretaries to inform the initiates of the provision relating to membership.

Several of the Bodies have allowed dues to accumulate for years against some of the brethren, bills of which in many instances have not been presented for payment. It is the bounden duty of the Secretary of a Body to use his utmost exertions to promptly collect the annual dues, so that the Body may early have ample means in readiness to pay its expenses; and when the Secretary finds there is negligence in the

payment of dues, he should report the names of the delinquents to the Body for its action. When a Brother persists in neglecting to pay his dues, then he should be reported for suspension or discharge from membership, for no good can accrue to the Rite from the continuance in active membership of a Brother who is able, yet fails to meet this masonic obligation.

Where, however, the payment of dues has not been made for years, and this omission has arisen from the negligence of proper efforts on the part of the officers to make collections, the neglect is the fault of the Body itself, and it should appoint a competent committee to investigate such cases, and recommend to the Body the remittance of such past dues in part or wholly, and thus give the delinquents an opportunity to start afresh with a proper understanding of their liabilities.

When it actually becomes necessary to discharge a member, which should not be done if suspension will answer the purpose, let care be taken that it be done in a proper manner. The delinquent should be duly and distinctly notified of the nature of his offence, the time when and the place where action will be taken to enforce discipline in his case, so that he may have proper opportunity, if he desire it, of being present and defending himself, a privilege which the fundamental laws of masonry guarantee to him. It is only when the residence of the delinquent is out of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, or unknown, that notice can be dispensed with.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

One of the Chapters of Rose Croix has adopted a by-law under which any Active Member may, with the approval of the M.: W.: and P.: Master and Wardens, constitute himself a Life Member of the Chapter, by paying at one time the sum of twenty dollars, which fee exempts him from any further payment of dues, while he retains all the rights and privileges of an Active Member. The provision for Life Membership is a wise one, and is heartily recommended for adoption by all the Bodies. By computation it appears that the payment of two dollars per annum, with compound interest at seven per cent., in eighteen years amounts to \$67.98, while in the same number of years twenty dollars, with compound interest at seven per cent., amounts to \$67.55, so that a fee of Life Membership of twenty dollars is financially equivalent to the payment of annual dues of two dollars per year for eighteen years, a period of time that to some of the brethren may seem to stretch too far into the future. With the interest mentioned, a fee of fifteen dollars will exactly equal the payment of the annual dues of eleven years, namely, \$31.56, and a fee of ten dollars with interest similarly computed will equal the annual dues of six years.

It is well worth twenty dollars to become a Life Member of any masonic Body, with full exemption from the annoyance of watching to avoid the mortification of not regularly and promptly paying the

annual dues; yet a fee of fifteen dollars will appeal more strongly to the judgment of the brethren and induce greater numbers to avail themselves of the privilege of Life Membership, because the fee with interest equals the annual dues of eleven years, a period which most brethren expect to outlive; the interest on the fee will be merely one-half of the annual dues, and, without interest, the fee will only pay the annual dues of about seven years. Some of the brethren reside more than ten miles from the place of meeting, and hence are deprived of the pleasures of frequent attendance. It would seem just that provision should be made in the by-laws so that they may be admitted to the privilege of Life Membership for the reduced fee of ten dollars. This remark applies in an especial manner to membership in Massachusetts Consistory, and I earnestly urge the adoption of the reduced fee at least by that Body, for its members are widely scattered throughout the State. I hope some provision for Life Membership will be incorporated in the by-laws of all the Bodies, and that numerous brethren will avail themselves of the privilege.

TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND.

If, in order to insure its stability and perpetuity, any Body has established a permanent fund, then all the sums received for Life Membership should be delivered to the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, of which fund they should constitute a perpetual part; otherwise the fees received for Life Membership should be carefully and judiciously invested by a Board of Trustees of the Life Membership Fund, and the income only of the fund should be applied to the payment of current expenses.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

I would call your attention also to the subject of Honorary Membership. There are in the Ancient Accepted Rite many brethren who have been eminently useful to Freemasonry, many who have done noble work for the Scottish Rite, and many doubtless who have rendered important services to the Bodies themselves. Such brethren should be eligible to Honorary Membership. In honoring them will not the Bodies honor themselves, and at the same time increase the number of brethren who will take a lively interest in their success and rejoice in their prosperity?

FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF THE RITE.

It is a matter of congratulation that the relations of our Rite with all the other branches of masonry are so wholly amicable and satisfactory. They all are very friendly to us, and we certainly take kindly to them, for wherever throughout masonry there is earnest and hard work to be done, there we find zealous and faithful brethren of our Rite busily engaged. May this era of good feeling long continue.

ADVANCE PAYMENT OF GRAND LODGE CAPITATION TAX.

In alluding to our readiness to contribute in every possible way to the progress of masonry, I am reminded of a subject relating to our Grand Lodge which does not seem to reach and penetrate the hearts of all the Brethren, and awaken the interest its importance demands, namely, the advance payment of the members' tax. The Brethren of our Rite reside in every portion of the Commonwealth, and most of them have taken the advance grades of masonry and held prominent offices in the various lodges; consequently they have acquired a position which enables them to exert a powerful influence upon the whole masonic fraternity of the State. Why then should we not utilize the advantages we enjoy, and by a faithful and persistent advocacy of the plan which will permanently free the Grand Lodge from its embarrassment, give a fresh impulse to the efforts which have been made in behalf of this glorious work? Why should not the masons of Massachusetts emulate the noble example of our New York Brethren, who have, by united efforts, raised a sum sufficient for the erection of a magnificent temple; the income from which will enable them to carry out their long cherished plan for the establishment of a masonic Asylum? Could the true and loyal masonic heart of the Commonwealth be rightly touched, I firmly believe that the Grand Lodge would be promptly relieved from its present difficulties, which have their chief foundation in timidity and in a lack of faith in the generous devotion of the Brethren to the highest interests of the fraternity.

CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA INDISPENSABLY NECESSARY WHEN TRAVELING.

Under a lately enacted statute of the Supreme Council for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, Brethren are not permitted to visit any Lodge, Chapter, Council or Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in that jurisdiction without presenting for inspection a brief, patent or diploma of the highest degree conferred in that Body, or of a higher degree, issued from the office of the Secretary General H.: E.: This is a wise provision, and a similar course should be pursued in our District. The certificates of membership issued by the Bodies of our jurisdiction, and bearing the signatures of the Sov.: Gr.: Commander and Gr.: Secretary Gen.:, answer the purpose of traveling certificates.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

It is the duty of the Deputy to lay before the Council of Deliberation a full report of the work in the State. The returns for the present masonic term will not be due until next July, so that no accurate account of its work can be presented. The work of the Bodies for the term ending June 30, 1872, and their strength, are indicated in the following summary:

| | Bodies. | Members. | Initiates. |
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| Consistory..... | 1 | 602 | 76 |
| Chapters of Rose Croix | 3 | 392 | 75 |
| Councils of P.: of J.: | 4 | 487 | 91 |
| Lodges of Perfection..... | 7 | 783 | 125 |
| Total | 15 | 2,264 | 367 |

HONORARY GRADE OF THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE.

The distribution of the Honorary grade of the thirty-third degree among the several States is equalized by the following standing regulation of the Supreme Council :

"Resolved, That in each and every year hereafter, each State shall be credited with the right to nominate for the Honorary grade of the thirty-third degree one candidate for every fifty Gr.: E.: P.: and Sublime Masons made within its jurisdiction during the masonic year, dating from July, 1871, and no more."

From present appearances the work of the year will equal the average of the past two terms, and, therefore, Massachusetts will be entitled to two nominations for the Honorary grade of 33°, at the session of the Supreme Council in November next. I am confident that in 1871 the Supreme Council was much aided in the delicate task of selecting from the candidates for this much coveted honor by the indication which the Grand Council gave of their preference in furnishing a list of the Brethren they deemed worthy of promotion. I entertain no doubt that the Supreme Council would be in no inconsiderable degree guided in its action by a similar expression of your wishes the present year, nor do I fear that such a proceeding on your part would be deemed officious or impertinent.

ORDERS AND JEWELS.

In the notifications for this session I inserted a request to the Brethren to wear the regalia or jewel appropriate to their rank. Believing that they will not only be a means of easy identification, but will assist the Brethren in locating each other in their various offices, I recommend that a resolution be adopted instructing the members of the Grand Council to appear at its sessions with the regalia or jewel appropriate to their rank. In this connection, I would also invite the attention of the Brethren to the manifest propriety of wearing their appropriate jewels when visiting the working Bodies of the Rite. It is incumbent on every member to show respect to his rank and to the badge which indicates it, and to cherish such a heartfelt interest in the Rite as to neglect no opportunity to increase its importance and enhance its dignity.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

The Constitutions of the Supreme Council require that some portion of the work shall be exemplified at the annual session of the Council of Deliberation, and the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief of Massachusetts Con-

sistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, has cordially accepted an invitation to exemplify before the Grand Council, this evening, the work of the 30°, Grand Elect Knight Kadosch, or Knight of the White and Black Eagle.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS.

A fund of mysterious origin, which, in default of the session of 1872, indefinitely postponed by the great fire in November, was not expended as it might have been—

[“—— Of all sad words of tongue or pen
The saddest are these: ‘It might have been!’”]

in defraying the expenses of a banquet—has, with the permission of the Trustees, been invested in a set of jewels, which are now in the hands of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters for requisite approval. In view of the fact that the fund was destined for purposes of good cheer, it is to be hoped that the members of the Grand Council will not complain that “They asked for bread, and were given a stone.”

GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF GENEROUS AID PROFFERED.

I should fail to do justice to my feelings did I not, in this the first meeting of the Council since the great fire of November, give some expression to the gratitude which filled all our hearts, at the time of that terrible disaster, in the receipt by the fraternity of so many evidences of thoughtful kindness from the masonic Bodies of other towns, cities and States. The whole Brotherhood seemed to stand with outstretched hands eager to help us. The words of sympathy and good cheer which reached us—the generous offers of assistance made to the fraternity, though fortunately not needed—can never be forgotten. With such assurances of brotherly remembrance, at a time when our hearts were filled with the gloom of the great calamity, the word “Fraternity” seemed at once to have a wider meaning and a nobler significance. Brethren, may we never forget this broader interpretation of the term in our relations to each other!

VACANCIES IN COMMITTEES.

By the death of Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL J. M. HOMER there is a vacancy in the Committee on the Condition of the Rite, and in the unavoidable absence of some of the brethren there may be other vacancies in the Standing Committees which should be filled.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Constitutions of the Supreme Council provide that the officers shall hold office during the pleasure of the Deputy. The Deputy would be pleased to continue the present Board indefinitely, but the desirability of giving all who wish a chance to perform the many arduous duties devolving upon the officers induces the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief to order an election of officers to be held at the present session.

CONCLUSION.

Illustrious Brethren, without any desire to dictate subjects for your deliberation, I have with freedom suggested such topics as have awakened an interest in my own bosom, and have seemed to me to touch more or less vitally the welfare of our Rite. Trusting that you will in no degree feel yourselves restricted to a consideration of the topics which I have thus hastily and imperfectly treated, let me cordially invite you to give free and frank expression to your views upon all matters which may be brought up for discussion. May harmony preside over our deliberations, and wisdom crown them with fruitful results.

III.: NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, 33°, moved that a committee of five be appointed, to whom should be referred the address of the Deputy for examination, and the reference of its several subjects to appropriate committees, which motion was adopted, and the following III.: Brethren were appointed to constitute said committee:

III.: NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, 33°,
 " RICHARD M. BAKER, 33°,
 " WYZEMAN MARSHALL, 33°,
 " WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33°,
 " CHARLES H. WHITE, 33°.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report, which was accepted.

The III.: Commander-in-Chief announced to the Council the receipt of communications, expressive of regret at their inability to be present, from III.: WENDELL T. DAVIS, 33°; III.: GILBERT NURSE, 33°; III.: CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON, 32°; III.: JOHN E. SHIPMAN, 32°, and Pr.: FREDERICK A. BLAKE, 16°. The reasons for non-attendance being deemed satisfactory, their absence was excused.

Letters were also received from various Illustrious Brethren who had been cordially invited, expressing great regret that they were deprived of the pleasure of being present, and wishing the Council God-speed. M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, in his genial epistle, requested the Grand Secretary to present his fraternal regards to all brethren.

The Committee on Address presented the following report, which was, on motion of III.: BENJAMIN POPE, 33°, received, and the recommendations were unanimously adopted:

IN COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION, A.: A.: S.: RITE,
 BOSTON, May 22, 1878.

The committee to which the address of the III.: Commander-in-Chief was referred, respectfully report that the comprehensive and interesting document presents able comments and valuable information in relation to the affairs of the Rite, and wise suggestions for the future guidance of the Brethren in determining correct action for the future. It em-

braces points of special interest, and furnishes conclusive evidence of the Ill.: Deputy's industry, enthusiasm and fidelity in office, which are indicated most emphatically by the increased prosperity of the Rite in Massachusetts, which is so satisfactory and gratifying to the Brethren.

In order to promote the views expressed in the address, your committee recommend that the portion of the address which relates to the deaths of our Illustrious Brethren be referred to Special Committees for the preparation of suitable memorials of respect for the beloved Brethren whose memory we deeply cherish and shall ever honor.

That so much as relates to the election of officers of this Grand Council be referred to the Committee on Business, to nominate suitable candidates for the ensuing masonic term:

That so much as relates to the friendly relations of the Rite with the other branches of masonry be referred to a Special Committee of three:

That the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief appoint Brethren to fill vacancies in the Standing Committees:

That so much of the address as relates to change of jurisdiction be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters:

That so much as relates to amendments to the Constitutions, alterations of by-laws and returns, be referred to the Committee on Regulations:

That so much as relates to a new seal and the investment of surplus funds, be referred to the Committee on Finance:

That so much as relates to the nomination of candidates for the Honorary Grade of the Thirty-third Degree, be referred to a Special Committee of five, to whom suggestions of names of Brethren deemed worthy of the honor can be made, and from the Brethren suggested they shall select a proper number for recommendation to the Supreme Council:

That so much as relates to the jewels presented and the wearing of jewels be referred to the Committee on Ritualistic Matters:

That so much as relates to the approval of by-laws, the remission of dues, Life Membership, permanent fund, and to other subjects not otherwise committed, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Rite, with the privilege of reporting on any subject at their convenience.

Respectfully submitted:

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| NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, 33°, WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33°, RICHARD M. BARKER, 33°, WYZEMAN MARSHALL, 33°, CHARLES H. WHITE, 33°, | } Committee. |
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Ill.: Brothers CHARLES C. DAME, 33°, CHARLES W. MOORE, 33°, and JAMES KIMBALL, 33°, were appointed a committee to prepare a eulogy on the life, character and masonic labors of Ill.: Bro.: RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, 33°.

Ill.: Brothers WILLIAM S. GARDNER, 33°, WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°, and SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON, 33°, were appointed a committee to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of Ill.: Bro.: JONATHAN TYLER SPALDING, 33°.

Ill.: Brothers CHARLES W. MOORE, 33°, WINSLOW LEWIS, 33°, and HENRY A. WHITNEY, 33°, were appointed a committee to furnish a suitable memorial of Ill.: Bro.: FREDERICK HENRY DORE, 33°.

Ill.: Brothers SAMUEL H. GREGORY, 33°, EDWARD STEARNS, 33°, and WILLIAM D. STRATTON, 32°, were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions of respect to the memory of Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL J. M. HOMER, 33°.

The Ill.: Commander-in-Chief, after filling the vacancies, announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Business—Ill.: William F. Salmon, 33°; Ill.: Daniel W. Lawrence, 33°; Ill.: Samuel H. Gregory, 33°; Ill.: James H. Freeland, 33°, and Ill.: Percival L. Everett, 33°.

Committee on Condition of the Rite—Ill.: Charles Levi Woodbury, 33°; Ill.: Benjamin Dean, 33°; Ill.: Winslow Lewis, 33°; Ill.: Marshal P. Wilder, 33°, and Ill.: Charles H. White, 33°.

Committee on Ritualistic Matters—Ill.: William S. Gardner, 33°; Ill.: Charles W. Moore, 33°; Ill.: Benjamin Pope, 33°; Ill.: William D. Stratton, 32°, and Ill.: Charles A. D. Shepard, 33°.

Committee on Regulations—Ill.: James A. Fox, 33°; Ill.: Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, 33°; Ill.: Zephaniah H. Thomas, Jr., 33°; Ill.: John L. Stevenson, 32°, and Ill.: James M. Porter, 32°.

Committee on Finance—Ill.: John McClellan, 33°; Ill.: George O. Carpenter, 33°, and Ill.: Henry P. Perkins, 32°.

Committee on Dispensations and Charters—Ill.: Newell A. Thompson, 33°; Ill.: Otis E. Weld, 32°, and Ill.: George E. Boyden, 32°.

Committee on Initiates of the Rite—Ill.: George O. Carpenter, 33°; Ill.: Zephaniah H. Thomas, Jr., 33°, and Ill.: William Parkman, 33°.

Ill.: Brothers MARSHALL P. WILDER, 33°, PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, 33°, and CHARLES KIMBALL, 32°, were appointed a committee on the subject of the friendly relations of the Rite with the other branches of masonry.

Ill.: Brothers WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°, CHARLES C. DAME, 33°, BENJAMIN POPE, 33°, EDWARD STEARNS, 33°, and JAMES H. FREELAND, 33°, were appointed a Committee on the nomination of candidates for the Honorary Grade of the Thirty-third Degree.

The following resolution, proffered by Ill.: Bro.: OLIVER ELLSWORTH, 33°, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation respectfully recommend to the Supreme Council the reduction of the fee for every initiate in a Council of Princes of Jerusalem to two dollars.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: E. DANA BANCROFT, 33°, the Committee on nomination of candidates for the Thirty-third Degree were instructed

to select for recommendation five Brethren, with a view to the election of two or less therefrom by the Supreme Council.

The Committee on Ritualistic Matters presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted :

MASONIC TEMPLE, May 23, 1873.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation:

The Committee on Ritualistic Matters, to whom was referred so much of the Most Illustrious Deputy's address as relates to wearing jewels and orders, and to the Jewels presented, respectfully report :

That your committee fully concur in the views expressed in the very able and interesting address in relation to the members of the Council being, while in Deliberation, properly clothed. They respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter, at the sessions of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation, the members and visitors shall appear clothed in the Order and Jewels appropriate to their rank.

Your committee take great pleasure in reporting to the Council that the Most Illustrious SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Sov.: Grand Inspector General, and Deputy of the Supreme Council for Massachusetts, has placed in the hands of your committee a beautiful case filled with the following jewels for the officers of the Council, and we are instructed by the Ill.: Deputy, in his name, to present them to this Council of Deliberation :

**JEWELS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL OF
DELIBERATION.**

Commander-in-Chief—

Three Stars resting upon a Teutonic Cross with rays.

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| Dep.: Gr.: Commander, | | Two Stars. |
| First Lieut.-Commander, | | One Star with rays. |
| Second Lieut.-Commander, | | One Star without rays. |
| Minister of State, G.: O.:, | | Lighted Lamp. |
| Grand Prior, | | Crossed Crooks. |
| Grand Chancellor, | | Scales of Justice. |
| Grand Treasurer, | | Crossed Keys. |
| Grand Secretary, | | Crossed Pens. |
| Gr.: Eng.: and Architect, | | Compasses. |
| Gr.: Hospitaller, | | Florated Crosses. |
| Gr.: Mas.: of Ceremonies, | | Crossed Staffs. |
| Gr.: Standard Bearer, | | Crossed Pennants. |
| Gr.: Capt.: of the Guard, | | Crossed Battle Axes. |
| Gr.: Sentinel, | | Crossed Swords. |

The designated emblems characteristic of each office rest upon a Teutonic Cross, which is surrounded by a circle studded with brilliants, the upper portion of the circle being depressed into the form of a crescent, at the centre of which the gilded jewel is suspended from a silver double-headed eagle, its wings displayed, holding in its talons a two-

edged sword, placed horizontally, its hilt to the right, and point to the left. From the sword depends a scroll bearing the words "Orde ab Chao." The motto for the jewels of the first two officers is "Deus Meumque Jus," instead of "Ordo ab Chao."

Your Committee feel honored by the privilege afforded them of announcing this handsome present to the Council of Deliberation. The jewels are brilliant, of elegant design, and of beautiful execution. The Ill.: Deputy has again placed the Brethren of the Ancient Accepted Rite of Massachusetts under renewed obligations to him for his untiring zeal, unremitting exertions, and steadfast endeavors in behalf of the Rite over which he has so long and so ably presided. So long as this Council of Deliberation endures, these jewels will remind its members of the affectionate regard and unselfish labors of its first President and Deputy.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That words are inadequate to convey to the generous donor, Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°, our thanks, yet our hearts, through all time, shall bear lasting tribute to this act of noble generosity received by this Council at his hands.

Respectfully submitted,

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| WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, 33°, | } |
| CHARLES W. MOORE, 33°, | |
| BENJAMIN POPE, 33°, | |
| WILLIAM D. STRATTON, 32°, | |
| CHARLES A. B. SHEPARD, 33°, | |

Committee.

The Committee on Business submitted the following report, which was accepted :

BOSTON, May 28, 1873.

To the Council of Deliberation :

Your Committee, instructed to nominate suitable candidates for officers of the Council, heartily recommend the following Illustrious Brethren as candidates :

For Ill.: First Lieut.-Commander, Ill.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, 33°.

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| " " <i>Second Lieut.-Commander</i> , " WILLIAM S. GARDNER, 33°. |
| " " <i>Min.: S.: and Gr.: Orator</i> , " WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33°. |
| " " <i>Grand Chancellor</i> , . . . BENJAMIN POPE, 33°. |
| " " <i>Eng.: and Architect</i> " EDWARD STEARNS, 33°. |
| " " <i>Hospitaler</i> , . . . WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°. |
| " " <i>Standard-Bearer</i> , " HENRY C. WILSON, 32°. |
| " " <i>Capt.: of the Guard</i> , " JAMES H. FREELAND, 33°. |

Respectfully submitted,

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| WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°, | } |
| DANIEL W. LAWRENCE, 33°, | |
| JAMES H. FREELAND, 33°, | |
| PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, 33°, | |

Committee.

On motion of Ill.: NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 33°, the Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing masonic term. The Ill.: Deputy appointed as tellers Ill.: NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 33°, RICHARD M. BARKER, 33°, and BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, 33°. On counting the ballots the following Ill.: Brethren were declared elected:

Ill.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, 33°, *First Lieut.-Commander.*

- “ WILLIAM S. GARDNER, 33°, . . . *Second Lieut.-Commander.*
- “ WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33°, . . . *Min.: of State and Grand Orator.*
- “ BENJAMIN POPE, 33°, *Grand Chancellor.*
- “ EDWARD STEARNS, 33°, “ *Eng.: and Architect.*
- “ WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°, “ *Hospitaler.*
- “ HENRY C. WILSON, 32°, “ *Standard-Bearer.*
- “ JAMES H. FREELAND, 33°, “ *Capt.: of the Guard.*

Agreeable to the provisions of Article 34 of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief appointed Rev. CHARLES H. TITUS, 33°, Grand Prior; Ill.: DANIEL W. LAWRENCE, 33°, Grand Treasurer; Ill.: ZEPHANIAH H. THOMAS, JR., 33°, Grand Secretary; Ill.: GEORGE O. CARPENTER, 33°, Grand Master of Ceremonies; and Ill.: FREDERICK A. PIERCE, 32°, Grand Sentinel, and they, together with the elected officers, were duly installed.

The Committee on Candidates for the Honorary Grade of the thirty-third degree requested further time, and, on motion of Ill.: ABRAHAM A. DAME, 33°, they were empowered to prepare their report and submit it within a week of the close of the session to the Grand Secretary, to be by him entered in the proceedings of the Council.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations and resolutions offered by them were adopted:

MASONIC TEMPLE, May 28, 1873.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation :

Your committee find that the expenses of the Council for the present session consist of a bill of \$8.00 for printing the notifications, and a bill of \$4.17 for stationery and postage paid on the notifications, which they have duly approved for payment. Agreeable to the standing regulation adopted Oct. 31, 1871, the Grand Sentinel will be entitled to five dollars for his services at this session of the Grand Council.

The Committee advise the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved. That the thanks of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation of the A.: A.: S.: Rite be tendered to the Board of Directors of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of F.: and A.: M.: of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the privilege of using Sutton Hall gratuitously this afternoon.

Your committee have examined the report of the Grand Secretary, and have found it correct.

The committee have also examined the account of the Grand Treas-

urer, have compared the same with the vouchers, which have been approved, and have found it correct.

Your committee regard the Ill.: Deputy's statement that "no expenditure involving the funds of a Masonic Body should be incurred by any officer or member without the previous sanction of the Body" as a sensible conclusion, well worthy of their hearty approval; and they believe that it would tend to greatly increase the financial prosperity of the fraternity should the expenditures of all its Bodies be conducted on that high basis. That some party should be held responsible for any neglect to realize a full equivalent for any funds expended, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That no contract to bind the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation for the payment of money shall be entered into by any member, except upon the written vote of the Committee on Finance, and no expenditure of money shall be otherwise made except under their immediate supervision.

The Ill.: Deputy has suggested the propriety of purchasing a seal for the Council, and your Committee recommend that the Committee on Ritualistic Matters be instructed to prepare a suitable design, and, on its completion, the Committee on Finance shall procure a seal in accordance therewith.

The committee fully approve the Ill.: Deputy's suggestion that the surplus funds of the Council be deposited for safe investment with the Trustees of the Supreme Council, and recommend that the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to deposit, from time to time, such sums of money as the Committee on Finance shall deem expedient, with "the Trustees of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry," to be held in trust and subject to the order of "The Massachusetts Council of Deliberation."

All of which is courteously submitted,

JOHN McCLELLAN, 33°,
GEORGE O. CARPENTER, 33°, } Committee.
HENRY P. PERKINS, 32°,

Ill.: Bro.: WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°, submitted the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered upon the records:

BOSTON, May 28, 1878.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation:

Your Grand Hospitaler respectfully reports that the total amount received by him to date is forty-four dollars, which, with interest, amounts to about fifty dollars, all of which is on deposit in the Lowell Five-Cent Savings Bank.

There have been no calls for any expenditure during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°,
Grand Hospitaler.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted the following request for further time, which was granted :

BOSTON, May 28, 1873.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation:

The Standing Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to whom was referred so much of the Illustrious Deputy's address as relates to the jurisdiction of the several subordinate Bodies of the Rite authorized to confer the degrees, have partially considered the matter, but two only of the Committee being present, have not had an opportunity to fully confer upon the matter in such a careful manner as to enable them to make a more extended report now. They wish to ascertain more fully the views and wishes of those who seek to have clearly defined the regulation adopted by the Grand Council, May 21, 1869, and alluded to by the Ill.: Deputy in his address. The committee deem the matter of sufficient importance to lead them to ask for further time to consider and report.

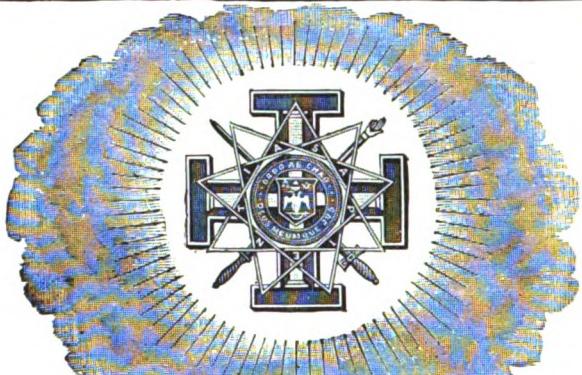
Respectfully submitted,

NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 33°, } Committee.
OTIS E. WELD, 32°, }

Ill.: Bro.: WILLIAM D. STRATTON, 32°, M.: W.: and P.: Master, announced that the Charter of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix was consumed in the great fire at Boston, Nov. 9 and 10, 1872, and on motion of Ill.: Bro.: WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°, M.: W.: and P.: Master of Mount Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix, it was

Voted, That the doings of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix since the destruction of its charter by fire be confirmed, and that this Council of Deliberation respectfully petition the Supreme Council to issue, free of charge, a new charter for Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix.

The Committees instructed to weave chaplets in memory of our departed worthy Brethren, submitted the following grateful tributes of respect, which were received and unanimously ordered to be spread up-on the records :



IN MEMORIAM.

ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

Richard S. Spofford,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF
SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE, N. M. J., U. S. A.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
MASSACHUSETTS.

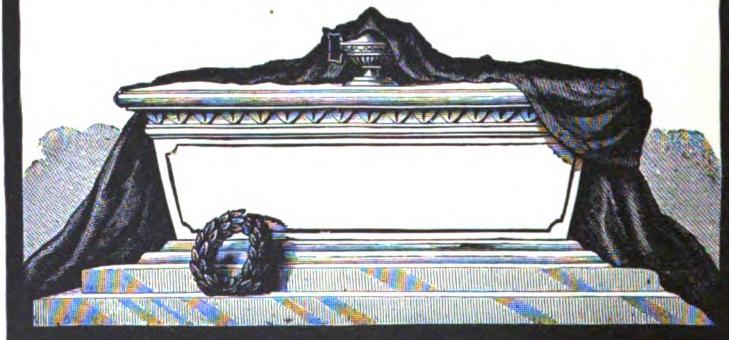
BORN IN ROWLEY, MASS., May 24, 1787.

DIED AT NEWBURYPORT, MASS., Jan. 19, 1872.

A SKILLFUL PHYSICIAN.

"Homines non accedunt propius deos quam salutem hominibus dando."

A warm friend, an accomplished Mason, a devout Christian.



ILL.: BRO.: RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, 33°.

Although an interval of many months has elapsed since the death of our venerable and Illustrious Brother, RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, the members of this Council, profoundly impressed with the value of the lessons taught by his life and example, claim the grateful privilege of paying to his memory their tribute of respect and affection, and they gladly embrace the present opportunity to place upon permanent record some expression, however inadequate, of their sense of the loss sustained by his associates and the Order at large.

Our beloved brother, whose life of usefulness and honor was so far protracted beyond that commonly allotted to man, commenced his career under auspices exceptionally fortunate. Born at Rowley, May 24, 1787, he came of excellent parentage, inheriting from his ancestors fine physical and mental endowments, and early trained to habits of wholesome intellectual activity. He imbibed a fondness for his father's profession in his childhood, and his thoughts and studies naturally arranged themselves with constant reference to the plan of life he had laid out for himself. He received the best education of the times at Phillips Academy and Harvard College, finishing his course of medical study in the schools of Philadelphia. Those who knew him can testify to the extent and soundness of his acquisitions, scholarly and professional. Few men cultivated so assiduously every department of science and literature, or carried so modestly a weight of accurate and varied learning.

He established himself in practice at Newburyport, gaining at once the respect and confidence of the people, and laying the foundations of a professional reputation which grew with advancing years, and was as deserved as it was honorable. For more than half a century he devoted himself to the daily round of a physician's duty, bringing to its performance the fruits of laborious study, a vigorous intellect, and a judgment and insight intuitively prompt and reliable. And he threw not only his professional skill, but his conscience and heart into his labors, caring less for a fee than an opportunity to do good to his fellow creatures; so that people of every class learned to regard him as a friend and a benefactor. Perhaps no career can be imagined in which greater opportunities are open to a man devoted to the welfare of humanity than in this, and few practitioners have reaped a richer harvest from the field than Dr. SPOFFORD.

It can be easily understood that a man so broad in his sympathies, so genial in his character, and so devoted to humanitarian works, as was our departed Brother, should at an early age have been attracted by the benevolent principles of our Order. He was made a mason in Amicable Lodge, in Cambridge, Nov. 6, 1809, while yet a student in college, and took the Chapter degrees in King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter, Newburyport, in 1815. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Encampment, Jan. 6, 1815. The Consistory degrees were received by him in New York. In January, 1825, he was created Sov.: Gr.: Inspector

General, 33°. While he was in attendance, GILBERT MOTTIER, Marquis de Lafayette, was exalted by the Sov.: Gr.: Consistory to the thirty-third degree. At a subsequent meeting of the Sov.: Gr.: Consistory Dr. SPOFFORD was appointed Deputy Grand Inspector General for the State of Massachusetts, and clothed with full power to open and constitute a Sovereign Chapter of Princes Rose Croix, and also to form a Grand Council of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret for that State.

A part of the Council degrees were conferred upon him in this State, and the remainder in Philadelphia about 1822, and with eight others he formed the Newburyport Council, and was its presiding officer.

He was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1853; Grand King of the Grand Chapter, in 1826-28; M.: E.: Grand Commander of Newburyport Encampment, June 12, 1823, served till 1840, and again from 1855 to 1862.

He was High Priest of King Cyrus Chapter, 1821 to 1824, and again 1824 to 1826.

Throughout his life he was profoundly interested in the welfare of the Order, and continued until his death, Master of the ritual through all the degrees. He had held, before the temporary decline of masonry, in the "Morgan Era," all the positions of command in the Lodge, Chapter and Encampment, and with the revival of masonry in the late years of his life, he took pleasure in performing the duties, instructing others therein, and in imparting to them the masonic learning with which his mind was richly stored.

We have alluded to the prominence of our Ill.: Brother's position during the period when the public mind was deeply excited upon the subject of masonry, and falsehood and slander were doing their worst to raise the storm of popular indignation against our beloved Order. These efforts were for a time attended with no small degree of success, for masonry seemed about to come under the ban of social and political outlawry. Its professors were regarded with suspicion and aversion, and its rights under the laws openly threatened and invaded. Nothing less than the utter subversion of the Order was aimed at by its assailants. To stem this tide of prejudice and obloquy required moral courage of the highest degree, and many of the weaker Brethren were glad to take shelter from the storm, and to surrender privileges which, however dear to their hearts, could only be maintained at the sacrifice of personal comfort and worldly repute.

Not so with our Illustrious Brother and his heroic compeers. Conscientiously devoted to the maintenance of the Order, deeply penetrated with the love of its divine precepts, and proud of its history and achievements, their spirit rose with the emergency, and, regardless of the malice of foes, the treachery of false friends, and the insensate clamor of the multitude, they scorned any compromise on a question of principle, and by their firm and self-respectful attitude, compelled at last even the admiration of their enemies.

We who live in these halcyon times of masonry, when its public rites are respected and its badges honored, can never cancel the debt of gratitude we owe to the men who counted no sacrifice too great to secure the perpetuity of their Order, and who, by the purity and dignity of their lives, furnished the best refutation of the slanders which were leveled against its fair fame. Absurd as were the causes which led to this lamentable public misapprehension, having no better origin than the baseless fabrications of renegades and the blind apprehensions of bigots, we should do well to remember that they are at any time liable to recur, and the student of masonry may draw valuable lessons from the pages which contain the recital of the trials endured and the constancy exhibited by these champions of the good cause during the years of suffering and persecution.

In closing this brief review of the career of our Illustrious Brother, we find that we derive no ordinary pleasure and encouragement from the retrospect. We see in him a man who found the highest gratification and the noblest discipline in the ordinary exercise of the duties of his calling, and in the conscientious observance of just relations with the world in which he moved. Unvexed by the cares of ambition, and anxious only to avoid notoriety, he discovered in usefulness the only path to happiness; and that content and tranquility, which most men seek in vain, came to him voluntary guests, finding an abiding resting-place in his bosom. Happy beyond most of us in the calm equipoise of his life, it was natural that time should deal tenderly with him, and that a kindly old age should preserve him to become an object of affection and veneration to a whole community.

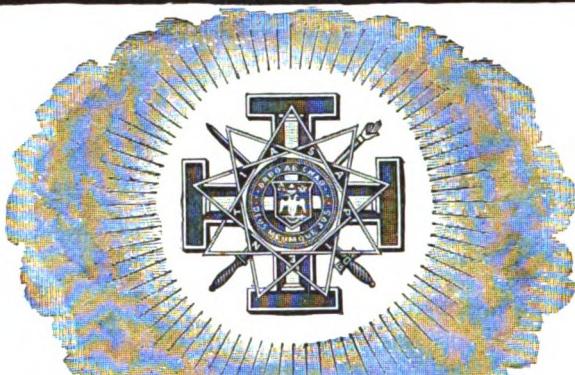
He died January 19, 1872, in his eighty-fifth year.

He has gone where the Christian virtues of his character and the sweetness and purity of his life will receive an eternal reward.

" And round his grave are quietude and beauty,
And the sweet heaven above,
The fitting symbols of a life of duty
Transfigured into love!"

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES C. DAME, 83°,
CHARLES W. MOORE, 83°, } Committee.
JAMES KIMBALL, 82°,



IN MEMORIAM.

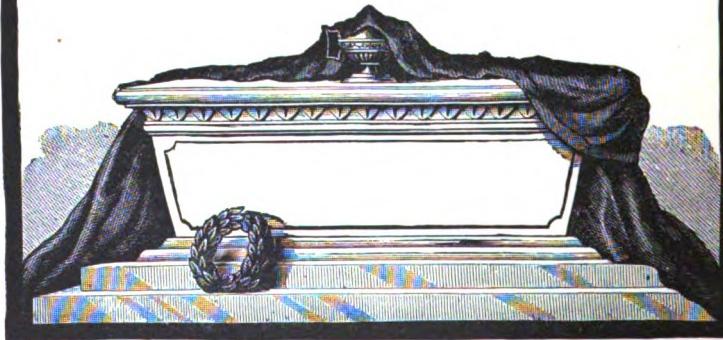
ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

Jonathan Tyler Spalding,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUN-
CIL OF SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GEN-
ERAL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE,
N. M. J., U. S. A.

BORN IN LOWELL, MASS., Oct. 4, 1829.
DIED IN LOWELL, MASS., May 26, 1872.

A genial acquaintance, a true friend, a zealous Mason.



ILL.: BRO.: JONATHAN TYLER SPALDING, 33°.

JONATHAN TYLER SPALDING was born in Lowell, Mass., October 4, 1829. He entered business life in Boston at the age of eighteen, engaged in the boot and shoe trade, and continued therein until he relinquished business in 1870. He traveled extensively in the pursuit of his avocation throughout the South and West, where he became widely known and esteemed.

He early became an ardent lover of masonic principles, was constant in his attendance at the business and working meetings of the many organizations with which he was connected, and quietly but zealously lent a helping hand in every good work.

He was made a Master Mason in Columbia Lodge, Boston, July 1, 1852; was a charter member of Revere Lodge (chartered March 1, 1857), and at the time of his death his name was on the notifications of that lodge for Honorary Membership.

He received the Royal Arch Degree in St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, June 6, 1855, and was made a member March 1, 1856.

He was created a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, in Boston Encampment, September 26, 1855. He received the degrees of the Scottish Rite to the 32° at the sessions of the Supreme Council, held May 13th, 14th and 15th, 1857, and was a charter member of the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory of the Scottish Rite at Lowell. He was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, May 21, 1863.

He also received a diploma of Honorary Membership from Kilwinning Lodge, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 10, 1866.

Brother SPALDING had been for several years a sufferer from pulmonary disease, and with characteristic patience and cheerfulness awaited the summons to another and better life. He became profoundly interested in the subject of personal religion, and, in view of his certain and speedy dissolution, his reason and consciousness remaining unimpaired to the last, found a sublime hope and confidence in the promises of the Scriptures and the redeeming love of the Saviour. He died at Lowell, May 26, 1872.

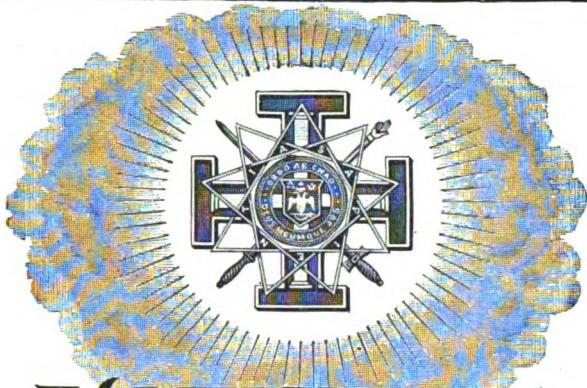
Our deceased brother was distinguished by traits of character which will endear his memory to a wide circle of friends. As a mason he was always active in works of mercy and love, and his practical good sense and ready usefulness made him a valuable member of the Order. Content with the unostentatious performance of whatever masonic duty might devolve upon him, his brethren always felt that any work entrusted to his hands was sure to receive that conscientious attention which only an untiring fidelity can bestow.

After long suffering this good man rests from his labors, leaving with us a record which will shine none the less brightly because its

frequent entries marked nothing more conspicuous than the modest but faithful performance of the every day duties of life.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, 33°, }
WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°, } Committee.
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON, 33°,



IN MEMORIAM.

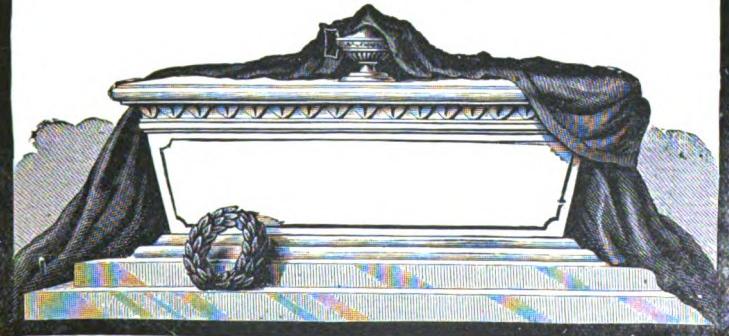
ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

Frederick Henry Dorr,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL
OF SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE,
N. M. J., U. S. A.

BORN IN ROXBURY, MASS., March 2, 1808.
DIED AT BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 30, 1873.

An honest citizen, a sincere friend, a benevolent Mason.



ILL.: BRO.: FREDERICK HENRY DORR, 33°.

Our late Illustrious Brother was born in Roxbury, Mass., March 2, 1808. He was educated at Phillips Academy, Exeter, and in early life engaged in business in Boston, where he married. He afterwards removed for business purposes to Buenos Ayres, South America, where he married a second wife, Mrs. De Pena, who now survives him. There he spent much of the latter portion of his life, traveling extensively, and making frequent visits to Boston. He also resided three years in Patagonia, South America.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Columbian Lodge, Boston, June 18, 1856. He was elected a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 900, Buenos Ayres, December 11, 1856, and a certificate to this effect was issued April 8, 1859, by the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of England, the Right Honorable the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, under the signature of William Gray Clarke, Grand Secretary.

He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in St. Paul's Chapter, June 18, 1859.

He was created a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, in Boston Consistory, December 16, 1864. The Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction conferred upon him the grade of Sov.: Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 28, 1866, and immediately constituted him a Representative near the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic.

Illustrious Brother Dorr was devotedly attached to masonry, and was zealous and energetic in his masonic labors. His position in Buenos Ayres gave him many opportunities to be of service to his countrymen visiting that city, and he was greatly beloved by the brethren who knew him.

He arrived in Boston in June, 1872, in ill health, and although his physical condition afterwards manifestly improved, he contracted a severe cold in the winter, which brought on a fatal attack of erysipelas. He died at the United States Hotel, Boston, Thursday afternoon, January 30, 1873. His funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, in the vaults of which his body was deposited. His remains were afterwards removed to Forest Hills Cemetery.

Thus died a most estimable gentleman, kindly and courteous, and justly respected by all who enjoyed the honor of his acquaintance. We regret that his long residence abroad prevents us from obtaining fuller details of his personal history.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. MOORE, 33°,
WINSLOW LEWIS, 33°,
HENRY A. WHITNEY, 33°, } Committee.

The Committee on the Condition of the Rite made the following

report. On motion of Ill.: CHARLES W. MOORE, 33°, it was accepted, and the recommendations and resolution presented were adopted:

BOSTON, May 23, 1873.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation:

The Committee on the Condition of the A.: A.: S.: Rite in the District of Massachusetts, to whom has been referred so much of the address of the Ill.: Deputy of the Supreme Council as refers to the condition of the Rite,

Report:

That they have considered the various matters which have been brought to their attention by the above reference, and find that the Illustrious Deputy of the Supreme Council has given that close attention to the various subjects, and brought to their consideration such qualities of judgment and equity, that it seems a work of supererogation for your committee to add any suggestions of their own. We concur heartily in his views, and should rest our report here did not experience show that the reiteration of good advice is usually needless in order to secure its being acted upon. Often, indeed, the reiterations may be interminable without producing much effect. This body, happily, has shown in the past that the good suggestions made by them have fallen on a kindly soil, taken root and flourished; so, we trust, will it be with those we have been honored with to-day.

Our older Princes, whose memory of the state of the Rite runs back more than a dozen years, will not hesitate to observe that the condition of the Bodies of the Rite has been changing for the better with a steady progress onward.

Since the happy reorganization of the Supreme Council under a new Constitution, a general feeling that the Order had weathered the worst of the dangers to which it had been exposed, was shared in by the devoted brothers and chevaliers who desired to speed the Order on its holy mission of fraternity and progress. Their zeal and hope was soon communicated to the whole of the fraternity; and, confident of the strength of the foundation, like Nehemiah's masons of old, they began to build on Walls and Temple, to perfect their organization and to discipline those living bulwarks, those living temples who bow the knee to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

The change in the Constitutions relating to the organization of the Bodies in this District, by which the limits of Active Membership were removed, gave occasion to bring all the fraternity within the sphere of active duties, and thus improve their skill and encourage their zeal. The union or consolidation of many of the Bodies, before too numerous for the field of usefulness, has resulted beneficially—increased strength and zeal are manifest. The quality of the work and the careful selection among candidates for initiation are both commendable.

Your committee think that in each Body a committee should be charged with the question of Life Membership, or commutation for life, as a matter of great importance, and, if the price can be arranged so as to be practically equivalent to the fees paid as annual dues, it seems to them that the result of the measure would be to increase the funds of the several Bodies, induce greater attention to their investment and preservation, and also add to the number of their useful members. The strength and permanency of such a commutation must depend on its being adjusted by a just balance.

The committee highly approve the remarks of the Ill.: Deputy relating to the prompt collection and wise remission of dues, and trust that these subjects will receive from the Brethren the considerate attention their importance demands.

The by-laws of the Bodies of the same grade are not as systematic as they should be. It is desirable there should be more uniformity, and we recommend a Special Committee, of whom the Ill.: Deputy shall be the head, to revise the by-laws in this District, in order to secure practical uniformity. In the Blue Lodges time has accomplished this work; we can avail ourselves of their and our own experience at once.

Your committee fear that it sometimes does happen that earnest and able brothers take on themselves official duties in so many branches of Freemasonry that they have not time enough to perform the duties of any one department as well as they are capable of, or as well as they ought.

Without recommending any vote on the subject, the committee accord with the suggestion of the Illustrious Deputy that the interest of our Rite is best promoted by the best labor of its brothers, and that by a division of labor better work is secured than by overtasking a few, however capable they may be of excelling in each department.

The stability of associations like ours is promoted by the Bodies acquiring permanent funds for their organization and their charities. Every member feels his privileges, responsibilities and duties are more dignified when his society has given hostages to fortune by forming a permanent fund. The committee report the following resolution on the subject:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Council that each of the subordinate Bodies should promptly establish a permanent fund; that for this purpose the Body should reserve from one-tenth to one-fifth of its entire income, which should be safely invested by a Board of Trustees, and when the fund has accumulated to five hundred dollars the interest of it may be appropriated as the Body may direct, towards liquidating the current expenses of the Body, or otherwise.

Your committee are satisfied that the Ill.: Deputy has well stated the general prosperous condition of the Rite in this District, the attachment of the Brethren to its privileges and their fealty to the Supreme Council and the Constitutions made for their government. They beg

leave, in conclusion, to express the esteem and regard in which they hold the Illustrious Deputy of the Supreme Council, and the satisfaction with which they shall view the continuance of his official relation to this Council of Deliberation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, 33°, | } |
| CHARLES H. WHITE, 33°, | |
| BENJAMIN DEAN, 33°, | |
| MARSHALL P. WILDER, 33°, | |

Committee.

Agreeable to the recommendation adopted, the Chairmanship of the Committee on By-Laws devolved on the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief, and the following Brethren were appointed as the other members :

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| Ill.: SAMUEL H. GREGORY, 33°, | Ill.: WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°, |
| " DANIEL W. LAWRENCE, 33°, | " Z. H. THOMAS, JR., 33°, |
| " L. B. FOSS, 32°, | " E. DANA BANCROFT, 33°. |

The Special Committee on Friendly Relations of the Rite submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations and resolution were unanimously adopted :

BOSTON, May 23, 1873.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation :

The Committee appointed to consider so much of the Deputy's address as relates to the subject of the relations of the Rite with the other branches of Masonry, respectfully report :

That while we may well felicitate ourselves upon the best of good feeling which prevails between our Rite and the other branches of Masonry, the timely remarks and suggestions of the Deputy upon the topic of the advance payment of the Grand Lodge dues are especially worthy of the serious consideration of all who have the interests of Masonry at heart. It is a subject of just mortification to members of our Order in this State that no more has been done for the reduction of a debt incurred in the furtherance of the common interests of the fraternity. The sums collected by the wearying and vexatious process of levying assessments upon the members are almost wholly swallowed up in meeting the annual payments of interest on the debt; and the continuance of this system, too apt to be construed into one of petty exactation and annoyance, is not only liable to be borne with impatience by the brethren, but to alienate their hearts from the governing Body, and seriously impair its influence.

Your committee strongly advise that a renewed appeal should be made to the generosity and masonic spirit of the fraternity, and reaching to every individual who has not commuted, urging upon them the importance of making the advance payment of dues as the only means now proposed calculated to reduce the volume of the debt.

And, taking a broader view of the circumstances, your committee would furthermore urge that the time for merely temporary expedients,

in dealing with a matter of this importance, would seem to be past. It cannot be doubted that a determined effort made by a Body so large, wealthy and influential as that of the masons of this State would be successful in securing any sum necessary to the welfare of the Order; to believe otherwise would be a reflection upon the zeal and sincerity of its members. Our apathy, therefore, under the circumstances, which seem only to stimulate the activity of other Bodies similarly situated, will soon become to us a subject of just reproach. We cannot, then, too strongly recommend that a general movement be made in behalf of the extinguishment of the debt, and also for the foundation of a Charity Fund, which, with the freed income of the masonic property in this city, will furnish the means for charitable expenditure worthy of the dignity of the Order and its high benevolent aims.

We recommend, for the adoption of the Council, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Council pledge themselves to urge upon their constituencies and the brethren at large the importance of the immediate advance payment of dues to the Grand Lodge; and that they entertain the conviction that the time has arrived for a concerted effort by all the masons of the State to devise measures for the liquidation of the debt and the formation of a Charitable Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL P. WILDER, 33°, }
PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, 33°, } Committee.
CHARLES KIMBALL, 32°,

The Committee on Initiates of the Rite in this State reported progress. Their report was accepted, their services were greatly appreciated, and their circular was highly approved. The Committee were instructed to issue the circular to the unaffiliated brethren and to continue their good work :

BOSTON, May 28, 1878.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation :

The committee are happy to submit a perfect list of the six hundred and seventy-two members of Massachusetts Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°. Animated by the couplet,

“ Attempt the end, and never stand to doubt;
Nothing’s so hard but search will find it out,”

they have persisted in their arduous undertaking, and have the pleasure of presenting a complete list of the names of seven hundred and eighty-six brethren who have, according to the records, received the grade of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, but who are not now known to be affiliated with any Consistory.

“ For every evil under the sun
 There is a remedy, or there is none ;
 If there be one, try and find it,
 If there be none, never mind it.”

Believing that a remedy could be found, they at the last session of the Grand Council requested that the Committee on the State of the Rite should be instructed to devise some plan for gathering the great Body of unaffiliated brethren within our pleasant fold. Agreeable to the recommendation of that committee, your committee have prepared the accompanying circular, earnestly urging immediate affiliation with Massachusetts Consistory, and warmly exhibiting the manifold benefits which would accrue therefrom, and have begun to address it to the various unaffiliated brethren as fast as their present residences can be ascertained.

Many brethren whose names appeared in the unaffiliated list reported in 1871 have already perfected their membership in Massachusetts Consistory, where they find a pleasant home.

The unaffiliated brethren will do well to heed the injunction of the quaint old proverb :

“ Oh, square thyself for use ; a stone that may
 Fit in the wall is left not by the way.”

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| GEORGE O. CARPENTER, 33°, | } |
| Z. H. THOMAS, JR., 33°, | |
| WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33°, | <i>Committee.</i> |

AN APPEAL TO THE UNAFFILIATED BRETHREN OF THE

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

Dear Sir and Illustrious Brother:

In 1867 the gulf of disunion was safely passed. By the exertions of true masons the Supreme Councils were joyously united in permanent peace. An impenetrable veil was thrown over the struggles of the past, and the utmost harmony has since prevailed. The cultivation of a spirit of kindness and fraternity has united the brethren in an enduring bond of friendship. The beauties and the intrinsic merit of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite are taking a fast hold upon the lovers of Freemasonry. The better the Rite is understood the more it is endearing itself to the craft.

One of the earliest acts of the united Supreme Council was to heartily recommend that the Consistories in the various States should, as far as practicable, consolidate their Bodies into one ; for a strong and harmonious union of the several Bodies would place the Rite on a firmer and more lasting foundation. Earnest and enthusiastic meetings of the offi-

cers of the Consistories in Massachusetts were held, and the deepest interest was manifested in favor of the consolidation of the three Consistories. The vigorous exertions of the officers resulted in the harmonious union of the DeWitt Clinton and Boston Consistories with Massachusetts Consistory, whose name is peculiarly appropriate for designating the sole Consistory of the State. This happy union has cemented the brethren strongly together in the bonds of fraternal love, and has proved to the Consistory a prolific source of genuine prosperity and happiness.

The Supreme Council has repealed the constitutional restrictions on the number of members in a Consistory, so as to give all the brethren who have received the degrees an opportunity to affiliate, a consummation it warmly desires. In the hope of promoting the affiliation, Massachusetts Consistory has thrown open its doors for the free admission of all who were created Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, previous to the union of February 15, 1871.

This generous action of the Consistory should certainly induce all who have received our degrees to promptly perfect their membership in that Body. Otherwise not only will one of the principal objects aimed at in the glorious union fail to be reached, but the brethren will remain in their present homeless condition, thereby cutting themselves off from privileges of inestimable value, to disregard which would argue a singular lack of interest and zeal.

As the 32° is rare and of no easy attainment, and is deservedly prized as a badge of distinction and worth, those who have received it have every inducement to place themselves right upon the record by renewing their affiliation, so that they also may help to guard the privileges of the Rite and make them exclusive to a degree which shall still further enhance the dignity of membership. For the very reason that it is manifestly unjust for unaffiliated brethren to enjoy the privileges and benefits of the Rite without contributing in any way to its successful maintenance, we are confident that they will esteem it an unanswerable argument in favor of the step we would urge them to take. There can be no doubt that brethren of the 32d grade will gladly embrace an opportunity to pay the slight annual assessment, esteeming it not a sacrifice but a privilege to contribute to the liberal support of the Body from which they can derive pleasures and benefits more precious and lasting than gold.

While it is well known that in masonry no record is kept of unaffiliated brethren, it should be remembered that affiliation will insure the permanent record of the names of the brethren, so that they will be known to all the other members in the State, and that the subsequent publication of their names in the proceedings of the Rite will be a standing voucher of membership, and greatly facilitate their recognition in the Bodies of the Rite throughout the union.

And furthermore, the illustrious brethren will be within call of the

officers of the Rite whenever the emergencies of its government shall render it necessary.

That a brother who has no diploma stands in an unpleasant and anomalous position, and that a diploma can be obtained with great difficulty, if at all, without membership, are additional reasons why brethren should hasten to affiliate themselves.

Feeling sure that all unaffiliated Brethren will, in view of these considerations, desire at once to perfect their membership and avail themselves of the full privileges of the Rite, we have, under the instruction of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation, the legislative body for the Rite in this Commonwealth, taken the liberty to address you upon the subject, and warmly urge you to take immediate action in the direction indicated.

The Secretary of Massachusetts Consistory, or either of the undersigned, will be pleased, at your request, to propose your name for membership. The address of the Secretary is JOHN L. BRIGHAM, P O. Box 824, Station A, Boston.

Believing that affiliation will in the highest degree promote the fraternity of the Brethren and augment the prosperity of the Rite, we remain,

Yours courteously,

GEORGE O. CARPENTER, 33°,
Z. H. THOMAS, JR., 33°, }
WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33°, } Committee.

BOSTON, May 28, 1873.

The committee instructed to weave a chaplet in memory of Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL JOHN MILLS HOMER, submitted the following report, which was unanimously accepted and ordered to be spread on the records, with the action of Giles F. Yates Council of Princes and Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix.

ILL.: BRO.: SAMUEL JOHN MILLS HOMER, 33°.

Illustrious Brother SAMUEL JOHN MILLS HOMER, 33°, was born in Boston, October 2, 1820.

Under the instruction of JOSEPH DOW, an excellent teacher, he was fitted for college, but finally chose a mercantile life. In 1836 he became an apprentice with HOLMES, HOMER & Co., at that time conducting the leading hardware establishment in Boston. In 1843, he associated himself as a partner with his father and cousins in the same business, under the firm name of GEORGE J. & C. W. HOMER & Co., with which firm and their successors he continued as a partner until 1860, when his health failed him, and he withdrew from business for a few years. He formed a co-partnership with Mr. JOHN O. BISHOP in 1864, and continued with him and their later associates until his death.

He was a business man of rare sagacity, patient, and laborious to a remarkable degree, and his efforts were attended with a corresponding success. But the great fire of November, which laid in ruins the best

portion of Boston's magnificent warehouses, destroyed nearly all the stock of his firm, and owing to the failure of the insurance companies, their losses were extremely heavy. While laboring for himself and others at the fire, he caught a severe cold, followed by pneumonia and erysipelas, which caused his death after a month's illness. He died on the 9th of December, 1872, at the age of fifty-two years, thus suddenly cut off in the midst of disaster, when his usefulness was most felt and his ability most needed.

Our Illustrious Brother was made a Master Mason September 13, 1855, in St. Andrew's Lodge, and was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason February 22, 1856, in St. Andrew's Chapter, of which he became a member.

He was created a Knight Templar in De Molay Encampment May 14, 1856. He exhibited an interest in Templar Masonry, and after filling various positions was elected to the command of De Molay Encampment, of which he was Eminent Commander for the years 1868 and 1869. He received the 32° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite February 20, 1863, in Boston Consistory, Boston, and manifested an ardent attachment to the Rite, devoting much time and earnest labor in its behalf. He was particularly active in seconding the efforts for the happy unions of the two Councils of the Princes of Jerusalem, and the two Chapters of the Rose Croix in Boston, which were effected in 1871. He was M.: E.: Sov.: P.: Gr.: Master of Boston Council of Princes of Jerusalem at the date of its union with Giles F. Yates Council of P.: of J.: At his death he was M.: E.: and P.: K.: Senior Warden of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, in whose interest he was a zealous worker. He was elected an Honorary member of the Supreme Council at its session in June, 1870, and the degree of Ill.: Inspector General, 33°, was conferred upon him January 6, 1871.

Gifted by nature with excellent endowments, he had cultivated them with industry and success. He early displayed an uncommon aptitude for the acquisition of languages, and was throughout his life an eager student and a great reader of books. The department of theology had particularly engaged his attention, and he made laborious researches in that direction. Besides these studies, he gave much attention to music, of which he was remarkably fond. But his interests were not confined to self-culture, for he took delight in forwarding all good works, and was active in the Church and Sunday School.

The loss of such a man, in the prime of his usefulness, is a bereavement which extends to the community, and is all the more acutely felt by his family, his friends and associates. Full of manly energy, broad in his sympathies, earnest and helpful, no man could be more missed by those who were brought into daily contact with him, and who had learned to look for wise counsel and support in every emergency.

At the regular meeting of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, held on Tuesday, January 14, 1873, upon the announcement of the death of

our lamented Brother, remarks were made and a series of resolutions were adopted expressive of the grief of the members; we recommend that they be spread upon the records of our Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. GREGORY, 33°.
EDWARD STEARNS, 33°,
WILLIAM D. STRATTON, 32°, } Committee.

The following tribute of respect was paid to the memory of Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL J. M. HOMER in Giles F. Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem:

Amid our pleasures and cares, amid the excitements of our daily pursuits, the shadow of death falls around us, turning our joys to sadness, and our moments of happiness to those of mourning; and though we know that it is appointed for all men to die, yet when we behold death's all-powerful hand snatch from our side one with whom we have been associated through many varied scenes, one who had become endeared to us by his kindness and integrity, we stand awe-struck, and our hearts are filled with anguish.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we, the members of Giles F. Yates Council of Princes of Jerusalem, are now called upon to inscribe upon our records the death of our loved associate, Illustrious SAMUEL JOHN MILLS HOMER. Let us then, while performing this sad duty, record our testimony regarding his worth as a man and a brother. Let those who may in the future search our history there learn that he was untiring in his zeal for our Order, and that his daily life was characterized by those traits that constitute an upright man.

But a short period has passed since we beheld in him an active and earnest member of this Council, eager for its advancement and strenuous in his efforts for its welfare; but now the echo of his footsteps will be heard no more among us, for he journeys with the Prince of the New Jerusalem.

And now, while standing in the presence of this great affliction, with the recollection of his many qualities fresh in our minds, let our hearts unite in exclaiming:

“Farewell! thou has left us in sadness to mourn,
While thy spirit to regions of brightness was borne:
Farewell, loved companion, thy worth we'll proclaim,
Thy memory we'll cherish, while life shall remain.”

WILLIAM D. STRATTON, 32°,
WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, 32°, } Committee.
GEORGE S. CARPENTER, 32°,

At a regular meeting of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, held Jan. 14, 1873, the M.: W.: and P.: Master, WILLIAM D. STRATTON, 32°, announced the death of its esteemed M.: E.: and P.: K.: Senior Warden, SAMUEL J. M. HOMER, 33°, in the following appropriate tribute:

In the midst of life we are overshadowed by the unrelenting hand of death. Surrounded by the joys and associations that shed a brightness over our pathway through this world, still the dark cloud of dissolution is suspended above us, and we know not whom it will encompass.

A short time since one whose spirit now inhabits realms to us unknown was foremost among us, endearing himself to his associates by many acts of disinterested friendship, love and affection. His words of counsel have often been our guide, his cheering voice has enlivened our drooping spirits; how much we shall miss him let each heart answer for itself.

By the death of our Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL JOHN MILLS HOMER, our Order has lost a bright and shining example of a just and true man, a zealous Christian, and a lover of all those principles that tend to make a perfect mason. Courteous and manly in his intercourse with all, faithful in his friendships, and charitable in his actions.

Language fails to express the deep emotions of sadness that fill our hearts while witnessing the sudden severing of his earthly connection with us, yet would we place within our archives the record of his virtues, and there let it remain as a lasting testimony of his worth, and though it be as a monument erected to mark our grief, let it also serve to keep his memory fresh within our hearts.

That vacant chair in the West tells its own sad story; often from that station have we heard from him the cheering lesson of hope; often have his lips repeated:

“ The hope of Heaven our spirits cheer,
No more we grieve for sorrows past,
Nor any future conflict fear,
So we may safe arrive at last.”

Now those lips are closed to us forever; that voice is silent; but our faith is strong that he has reached that Heaven the peace and joy of which

“ —— do far o'erpay
The hardest labors of the road.”

And now that we may no more behold him in our midst, no more hear the sound of his voice or feel his fraternal grasp, while we drop the tear of sorrow for our great loss, let us remember that he has finished his labors here and passed to his rest but a little in advance; let the hope cheer us that we may meet again in a far brighter land, where death comes not, and where the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe will light our pathway through boundless realms of eternity.

Ill.: Bro.: WINSLOW LEWIS, 33°, then presented the following deserved tribute of respect:

In our associated, as well as in our individual and domestic relations, how death steals in with stealthy step, and robs us of our treasures, of

our fondest hopes, and reliances, of those whom we trusted to have been spared to be the solace of many years, the stay of our happiness !

But by the primeval fiat of Him who doeth all things well for us here and hereafter, it is ordained that

“ Condemned by Hope’s delusive mien,
As on we toil from day to day,
By sudden blast or slow decline
Our social comforts drop away.”

By a dispensation to which we humbly bow we are called to pay our tribute to the memory of one so recently among us in all the pride of manhood and of prospective happiness, one endeared to us as a member of this organization by his manly virtues of honesty, friendship, brotherly love, of Christianity.

What a void has he left in our hearts ! What a void in our West ! Can we forget his voice, his animation, his emphasis on the emotions of hope, delivered in tones which touched every heart, thrilled us with the assurance that our hopes here will be consummated in fruition ? His earthly hopes are now sundered, but expanded in other realms, where no change can come or expectation be. The eternity of joy.

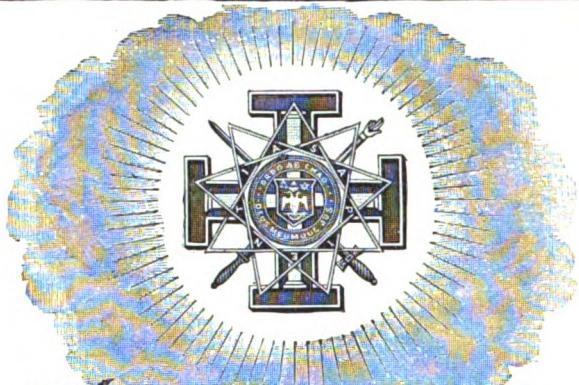
When we commit “dust to dust, earth to ashes,” we irrepressibly turn to the departed life. Has it been well spent ? Has it been fruitful in good deeds ? Has the heart now stilled in death pulsated for human suffering and felt for the poor and desolate ? Has it played its part in benevolence and kindly acts ? Has it bestowed its surplusage on the needy ? In one word, has it left a halo to embalm its memory ? Has this now perished clay left any testimony to perpetuate its true existence ? That is the best, the greatest deduction to be left, which impresses us all, when life’s issues are ended. We then are reminded that

“ Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet and blossom in the dust.”

From these preliminary sentiments may we not with justice to our deceased Brother sanction the following resolutions :

Resolved, That by the translation from earth to Heaven, as we humbly trust, of our dearly beloved friend and associate, SAMUEL J. M. HOMER, we deplore the loss of one endeared to us by many excellencies as a man and as a member of this Body. Kind, courteous, genial, enthusiastic in good deeds, he has left a bright record of “what good may come from our Nazareth,” a fair exponent of the principles and practices of the benign teachings of our hallowed institution.

Resolved, That we condole with those who have been bereft of their honored head. The fond husband, the dear Brother are lost to them *here*, but the joyful hope that these earthly relations are dissolved but for a few years will assuage the anguish of separation, having the assurance that their re-union must be effected in spheres of exalted happiness to endure forever.



IN MEMORIAM.

ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

Samuel John Mills Thomer,

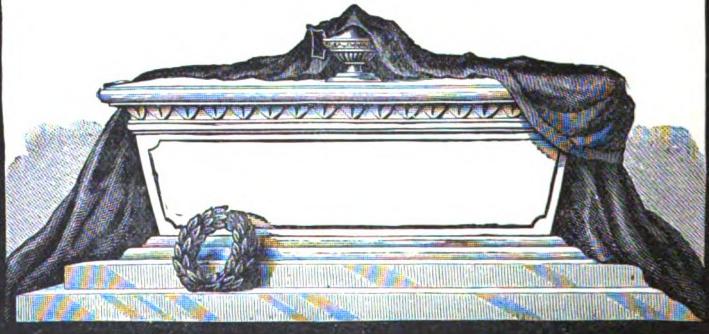
AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF
SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE,
N. M. J., U. S. A.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDER OF DE MOLAY COMMANDERY.

BORN IN BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 2, 1820.

DIED AT BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 9, 1872.

A man of integrity and general nobleness of character.



The Committee on Regulations presented a report, which was on motion accepted, and the recommendation was adopted. The amendments to the Constitutions submitted by them were taken up separately and were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: RICHARD M. BARKER, 33°, it was

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to constitute a Standing Committee on the History and Antiquities of the Rite.

The Ill.: Commander-in-Chief appointed on the committee,

Ill.: WILLIAM B. GREEN, 33°, Ill.: NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, 33°,
Ill.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, 33°.

The Committee on Candidates for the Thirty-third Degree submitted the following report:

BOSTON, July 2, 1873.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation:

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Council to nominate five eligible candidates for the honorary grade of the thirty-third and last degree of the A.: A.: Rite, to be recommended by the Grand Council, with a view to the election of two or less therefrom by the Supreme Council, would respectfully present the following names of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret:

WILLIAM D. STRATTON, JOHN L. BRIGHAM,
HENRY P. PERKINS, JOHN L. STEVENSON,
R. MONTGOMERY FIELD.

Very fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON, 33°,
CHARLES C. DAME, 33°,
BENJAMIN POPE, 33°,
EDWARD STEARNS, 33°,
JAMES H. FREELAND, 33°, }
} Committee.

BOSTON, July 22, 1873.

To the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation:

The committee charged with the duty of assigning definite boundaries to the territorial jurisdictions of the several Bodies in the State, having fully considered the subject referred to them, respectfully report their decision in the form of resolutions, herewith submitted, that embrace provisions which to your committee appear to be well adapted to meet the views of the various brethren interested.

Your committee believe that the jurisdiction of each Body should be limited to a district comprising all the territory embraced within a distance of ten miles in all directions from the place of meeting; provided, however, that when another body exists within twenty miles the division line should be drawn half-way between the two Bodies; and they heartily recommend the adoption of the regulations embraced in the following

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the jurisdiction of the Lodges of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Chapter of Rose Croix, located at Boston, shall comprise all the territory within the limits of the cities and towns now or heretofore known as

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| Arlington, | Everett, | Roxbury, |
| Boston, | Lexington, | Somerville, |
| Belmont, | Malden, | Stoneham, |
| Braintree, | Medford, | Wakefield, |
| Brookline, | Melrose, | Waltham, |
| Brighton, | Milton, | Watertown, |
| Cambridge, | Needham, | Weymouth, |
| Cambridgeport, | Newton, | Winchester, |
| Charlestown, | North Cambridge, | Winthrop, |
| Chelsea, | North Chelsea, | Woburn, and |
| Dedham, | Quincy, | West Roxbury. |
| Dorchester, | Reading, | |

2. *Resolved*, That the jurisdiction of the Bodies located at Lowell shall comprise

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| Andover, | Dunstable, | Tewksbury, |
| Billerica, | Lawrence, | Tyngsborough, |
| Carlisle, | Lowell, | Westford, and |
| Chelmsford, | Methuen, | Wilmington. |
| Dracut, | | |

3. *Resolved*, That the jurisdiction of the Bodies located at Salem shall comprise

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| Beverly, | Manchester, | Saugus, |
| Danvers, | Marblehead, | South Danvers, |
| Essex, | Middleton, | Swampscott, |
| Hamilton, | Nahant, | Topsfield, and |
| Lynn, | Peabody, | Wenham. |

4. *Resolved*, That the jurisdiction of the Bodies located at Worcester shall comprise

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| Lynnfield, | Salem, | |
| Auburn, | Millbury, | Sutton, |
| Boylston, | Northborough, | Spencer, |
| Clinton, | Oxford, | Westborough, |
| Grafton. | Paxton, | West Boylston, and |
| Holden, | Shrewsbury, | Worcester. |
| Leicester, | | |

5. *Resolved*, That the jurisdiction of the Bodies located at Springfield shall comprise

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| Agawam, | Longmeadow, | Springfield, |
| Chicopee, | Ludlow, | Westfield, |
| Hadley, | Southampton, | West Springfield, and |
| Holyoke, | Southwick, | Wilbraham. |
| Granby, | | |

6. *Resolved*, That while each Body shall have exclusive jurisdiction over its own District, all of the Bodies shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the remainder of the State not definitely assigned to any particular jurisdiction. Due notice, however, must be given, in accordance with the provisions of Article 43 of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, in all cases to which the article shall apply.

All of which is courteously submitted,

NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 33°, }
OTIS E. WELD, 32°, } Committee
GEORGE E. BOYDEN, 32°.

Agreeable to a custom adopted in all the Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Rite, the box of fraternal assistance was circulated by the Grand Master of Ceremonies.

" The hand that will not let the other know
Its work of quiet helping, never lacks
The blessing of the poor ; some feet, that go
In unpretentious ways, make shining tracks."

Twenty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents were collected, which sum was delivered to the Ill.: Grand Hospitaler, WILLIAM F. SALMON, 38°.

After a very busy and satisfactory session, the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief, at half-past six o'clock, called the Council from labor to refreshment, and extended to all the Brethren present a cordial invitation to repair to the Banquet Hall and partake of the feast awaiting them. An hour and a half were spent right merrily; the renewal of old memories and associations proved a pleasant task, and all appeared to keenly enjoy the happy occasion.

At eight o'clock the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation visited Massachusetts Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, where a large number of the Brethren had assembled, and witnessed with great satisfaction the interesting ceremonies of the 30th degree, Grand Elect Knight Kadosch or Knight of the White and Black Eagle. The Grand Council was highly gratified with the excellence of the work.

After the visitation, the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief returned his hearty thanks to the Illustrious Brethren for their cheerful and earnest assistance in the labors of the Session, and extended to them the best wishes for their continued prosperity and happiness.

Ill.: NATHANIEL B. SHUTTLEFF, 33°, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Massachusetts Council of Deliberation be tendered to Massachusetts Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, for the alacrity with which they responded to the invitation of the Ill.: Deputy to exemplify their work, and for the great pleasure the Council has enjoyed in witnessing the work of the thirtieth degree this evening.

The records of the Session were read and approved.

A blessing was invoked upon the transactions of the Council, and thanks were returned for the pleasure enjoyed.

The Ill.: Commander-in-Chief closed the Council at half-past ten o'clock P. M. in due form.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon the Council and prosper it in all its works.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33°,
Deputy for Mass., Com.: -in-Chief.

Attest:

ZEPHANIAH H. THOMAS, JR., 33°,
Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

None held.

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See Report of Deputy.

NEW YORK.

Pursuant to a summons addressed to the Chiefs of the Bodies working in the Ancient Accepted Rite, within the State of New York, and under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and in accordance with Article 34 of the Constitution of said Supreme Council, a Council of Deliberation assembled at Geological Hall in the City of Albany, on the eighth day of the Hebrew month Schebet, A. M. 5633, corresponding to Wednesday, the fifth day of February, 1873, E. v.:

There were present:

Three Active, one Emeritus, and twenty-two Honorary members of the Supreme Council; also thirty-three Sub.: Princes of the R.: S.: 32°.

The Council was opened in due form at 10 o'clock A. M. by Ill.: ORRIN WELCH, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council for the District of New York, and *ex-officio* Com.: -in-Chief of the Council.

The roll of officers was called, and there were reported present of regular officers:

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| Ill.: ORRIN WELCH, 33°, Dept.: for N. Y., | <i>Com.-in-Chief.</i> |
| " HENRY A. BALCAM, 32°, | <i>Second Lieut.-Com.</i> |
| " JOHN D. P. TOWNSEND, 32°, | <i>Min.: of State, Gr.: Or.:</i> |
| " JOHN C. ROBINSON, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Eng.: and Architect.</i> |
| " A. P. MORLARTY, 33°, | <i>Gr.: Secretary.</i> |
| " JESSE B. ANTHONY, 32°, | <i>Gr.: Capt. of the Guard.</i> |

There were also present the Representatives of Six Consistories, eight Chapters of Rose Croix, twelve Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and twelve Lodges of Perfection.

The Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

ILLUSTRIOS BRETHREN :

At the close of another year, during which as members of the Ancient Accepted Rite, our lines have been cast in pleasant places, I offer you the most cordial salutations of the season and the most sincere personal wishes for your health and stability as individuals and as exemplars of the Rite.

It is pleasant to be able to say that, in all the changing scenes of the year, amid the joys and the sorrows of individuals, and public events of an absorbing interest, our course has been ever forward in the prosperous course shaped for us by the Divine Power, before whom we should prostrate ourselves in earnest thanksgiving.

Our business here to-day is much less that we should attempt for ourselves or recommend to the Supreme Council measures looking to a change in the methods heretofore pursued, than it is to consider with deliberation our present *status*, and by consultation ascertain what, if anything, can be done to secure our foundations and make the future a reflex of the past in its harmony and united action and feeling.

We are gradually but surely overcoming the latent jealousies which have somewhat impeded our work, and, by acts rather than words, convincing those who have been opposed to us, that instead of enmity, there has never been and never will be on our part aught but the most sincere friendship for the national Rite, and most unfailing allegiance to the system which holds our earliest vows, and under the sanction of which our first steps were taken in the mystic Arcana of the Brotherhood.

Let me hope that in your private and associated capacity you will ever be ready to assist by deed and word in every good work, appealing to your masonic consciences as an exemplification of masonic teachings and a proof to the world that our bonds are stronger than death, our union less fragile than a three-fold cord.

Let me invite you, in pursuance of this duty, to make for our Rite a place in the history of the Hall and Asylum Fund. For more than a quarter of a century this work begun, carried on and continuing for the foundation of one of the noblest charities ever appealing to the sons of

light, has fought its way upward and onward under the auspices and through the labors of symbolic masons. Just now that enterprise stands at the point where a vigorous effort will call out the ultimate strength of the Brethren and assure a success, the benefits of which the wildest dreams of its founders could never have anticipated. Representing as you do, every part of this wide jurisdiction, belonging as you do, not only to the advanced grades and organizations of the Rite, but to the lodges of initial masonry near your several places of residence, you have an opportunity to assist in this work, and by your hearty and disinterested advocacy of its merits, not only to promote it, but thus to demonstrate that in your work as members of our Rite, you not only do not forget, but are willing to labor for the cause of the widow and the little ones, as a legitimate object of your organizations. The marvelous progress of the work thus far demonstrates that the finger of God has directed the laborers, that in the end His benison will rest upon the work, and that to His glory the result must redound. Let us labor with our Brethren, and the radiant blessing will illumine our paths, and make lighter our passage beyond the veils.

I have been furnished by the Grand Secretary General with a list of Bodies in this District which have failed to make returns or pay dues beyond the time allotted in the Constitutions. Without saying a word against the Brethren conducting those organizations, or attempting to hold them responsible for errors of judgment or want of energy in the pursuit of the task allotted them, I am nevertheless constrained to believe that we cannot afford to carry any unnecessary dead weight, and am of the opinion that after careful examination of the circumstances surrounding each case you will be justified in recommending to the Supreme Council that when there is no hope of further usefulness, the authority under which they exist be recalled, and the titles be dropped from our roster.

I had the honor of being present at the late annual meeting of the Supreme Council in the City of New York, and participating in the pleasant deliberations of the Ill.: Brethren then and there assembled. During the meeting Bros.: CHAS. ROOME, A. L. NORTHRUP, W. M. FLEMING and WM. V. ALEXANDER, of New York, P. S. WILSON, of Rochester, and JAMES McCREDIE, of Buffalo, were elected to receive the thirty-third degree, and become Honorary members of the Supreme Council. During the session all but Bro.: WILSON presented themselves and were duly invested with the honors awarded them, and they will be respected accordingly.

During the same session, the twenty-fourth degree was exemplified at Irving Hall, in the most ample form and with every possible adjunct to make it impressive, under the auspices of the Ill.: Brethren of New York and Brooklyn. The Supreme Council attended in a Body, and the Grand Commander was pleased to express his entire and unqualified approval of the work.

At a more recent period the same indefatigable brethren have held a public Lodge of Sorrow, in the same hall, which has been largely complimented by the press.

I refer to these events, not so much to compliment the brethren, as to excite a spirit of emulation. We cannot expect, in the interior towns and cities, to command such a wealth of paraphernalia as our metropolitan brethren have, but we can and ought to be as perfect in the ritual and proper order of the ceremonies, and we may depend that as we advance in such perfection we shall be adding to the solidity of our Institution by opening up the endless treasures it has to offer for the edification and interest of the craftsmen.

From this point of view the exemplifications are of great value—a value we shall the better understand as we seriously labor to educate and improve ourselves in the work we have set out to do.

Since our last meeting dispensations have been issued to establish Lodges of Perfection at Utica and Newburg, and the members of them will doubtless have taken measures to lay before you such a statement of their affairs and progress as will induce you to recommend them for warrants of constitution.

Allow me to say, in conclusion, that the title of this Assembly appears to indicate the design that measures emanating from it should rather be the result of mutual observation and conference than the dictation of your officers, and I therefore leave to your wisdom such measures—if any—as you may think best calculated to maintain or promote the general welfare.

Promising a hearty concurrence, I await your pleasure.

ORRIN WELCH, 33°,

Deputy for New York.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: ALBERT G. GOODALL, it was ordered that the Address be submitted to a Special Committee, for the purpose of dividing, and referring the several subjects contained therein to appropriate committees.

The Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief appointed as such committee :

Ill.: JOHN W. SIMONS, 33°,

“ ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°,

“ WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°.

The Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief announced the following Standing Committees :

On Credentials.—Albert P. Moriarty, Charles H. Thomson, G. Fred. Wiltsie.

On Condition of the Rite.—Jesse B. Anthony, Edward H. Brown, Wm. S. Patterson.

On Finance.—Charles Roome, Edwin J. Loomis, Jesse M. White.

On General Regulations—Robert H. Waterman, Mead Belden, Otis Cole.

On Applications for New Bodies.—John C. Robinson, Seymour H. Stone, James McCredie.

On Antiquities of the Rite.—Robert H. Waterman.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES H. THOMSON, all G.: E.: P.: and Sub.: Masons were invited to seats in this Council.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: MEAD BELDEN, the Council took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 1878.

The Council of Deliberation resumed labor at 8 o'clock P. M. Officers and Representatives as at morning session.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the Address of the Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief rendered the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted:

To the Council of Deliberation, State of New York:

The Special Committee to which was referred the address of the Ill.: Deputy for the State respectfully reports and recommends:

That so much thereof as refers to the general condition of affairs in our Rite be referred to the Standing Committee on the Condition of the Rite. That so much as refers to the Hall and Asylum Fund be referred to a Special Committee of three. That so much as refers to dormant warrants be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Rite, and to the same committee so much as refers to exemplifications of the work; so much as refers to dispensations to the Committee on Applications for new Bodies.

Congratulating this Council and its constituents on the general prosperity and good will, we unite with them in the hope that the way is opening before us for greater success and usefulness than ever.

Fraternally,

A. G. GOODALL,
WALTER M. FLEMING, }
JNO. W. SIMONS, } Committee.

On the second recommendation of the committee, relating to the Hall and Asylum Fund, the Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief appointed a Special Committee consisting of

Ill.: JOHN W. SIMONS, 33°,
" ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°,
" WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Gr.: Secretary be and is hereby authorized to draw on the subordinate Bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction for the sum of five dollars each, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of this Council of Deliberation.

CHARLES ROOME, 33°,
EDWIN J. LOOMIS, 33°, }
JESSE M. WHITE, 33°, } Committee.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES H. THOMSON, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to nominate suitable candidates for officers of this Council for the ensuing year.

The Ill.: Com.: -inChief appointed as such committee:

Ill.: CHARLES H. THOMSON, 33°,
“ JOHN D. WILLIAMS, 33°,
“ ELWOOD E. THORNE, 32°.

Ill.: Bro.: WALTER M. FLEMING offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Council of Deliberation most respectfully recommend to the Supreme Council that the annual *per capita* fees to that Body, on candidates in the Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, be reduced to “TWO DOLLARS.”

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of the Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief as relates to the Hall and Asylum fund, submitted the following report, which was received and the recommendations and resolution unanimously adopted :

To the Council of Deliberation, State of New York:

Your Special Committee charged with the duty of considering so much of the address of the Ill.: Deputy for the State, as treats of the Hall and Asylum Fund, respectfully report and recommend a most hearty concurrence in the views so ably and fraternally stated in the address. Time will not allow us to enter into a detailed history of the undertaking, the completion of which will be the proudest monument ever erected by an Association like ours, and carry our history to future generations as an instance of practical devotion to the exemplification of our profession as masons. That it is incumbent on every craftsman of whatever rite or degree to give his energies according to his strength in this work, to take his place as a willing laborer and not as one who waits till others have completed the work, we rejoice that the subject has been placed before you officially and we most earnestly invoke your aid in giving effect to the wise counsel of our chief. We can all not only give according to our means, but we can do most effective service by laboring to bring about among the craft generally, and particularly

those within our personal sphere of action, such a knowledge of the plans, purposes, trials, difficulties, triumphs, and the great blessing to grow out of the final success as will make every brother in the State a friend and active worker for the cause, and when that point is reached the final triumph will be secured.

As an expression of the interest felt by this Council of Deliberation in the great work of masonry as embodied in the plan for the completion of the hall and endowment of the asylum, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the members of this Council of Deliberation, representing the Ancient Accepted Rite in the State of New York, hereby pledge themselves to, and earnestly urge upon their constituents an earnest and united effort to push forward, in common with the representatives of Symbolic Masonry, the great work of completing the Hall in the City of New York, and out of its revenues creating a perpetual endowment for an Asylum to be located in the interior of the State, and forever devoted to the relief of aged, indigent craftsmen, their widows and orphans in the hour of need.

Fraternally,

JOHN W. SIMONS,
A. G. GOODALL,
WALTER M. FLEMING, } Committee.

The Committee on Condition of the Rite rendered the following report, which was received, and the recommendations and resolutions adopted:

The Committee on Condition of the Rite respectfully report:

That they cannot but unite with the Ill.: Deputy and Commander-in-Chief in the views so ably expressed in his annual address, in relation to the prosperous condition of the Ancient Accepted Rite in this jurisdiction, and would also congratulate the Council of Deliberation on the full representation of its sub-Bodies at this annual session.

During the past year new interest has been given to the importance or perfectness in work by the exemplification before the Supreme Council at its last annual session in New York City; and also in other localities in the State do we find that attention being paid to the work which is requisite for the prosperity and advancement of the Rite; while there may have been a NECESSITY in the past to communicate these degrees to candidates, we think that period has now past, and that the sub-Bodies should, as far as practicable—and that depends entirely upon the interest taken by the officers—carry out in all the detail the beautiful ritual of the Ancient Accepted Rite.

We think that in this Rite the same course should be pursued in regard to work as is, and always has been, done in that of Ancient Craft Masonry, and it is only thus that we can expect to place the Ancient Accepted Rite on the high eminence which it deserves.

That in relation to the sub-Bodies "which have failed to make returns or pay dues to the Supreme Council for several years," we deem it unwise to cumber the ground with "dormant or dead" Bodies. We cannot but regard any sub-Body which neglects to discharge its obligations in accordance with the Constitution, and which does not hold any meetings or labor for the advancement of the Rite, as a BLOT upon our banner and a stumbling block in the way of others.

We deem it detrimental to the welfare and prosperity of the Rite to retain such upon our Roll, and even where Bodies are already located and do not do any work, simply retaining an organization, we think some course should be adopted to compel them to WAKE up, because where no interest is evinced it operates to prevent accessions to our membership.

In accordance with this subject, we would submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the warrants of the following named Bodies be recalled and their titles dropped from the roster :

Lafayette Chapter of Rose Croix, New York City.

Garibaldi Council of Princes of J.: " " "

" Lodge of Perfection, " " "

Auburn Council of Princes of J.:, Auburn " "

Jerusalem Council of Princes of J.:, Penn Yan.

Penn Yan Lodge of Perfection, "

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE B. ANTHONY, 32°, }
EDWARD H. BROWN, 33°, } Committee.
W. S. PATTERSON, 32°, }

The Committee on nominating suitable candidates for officers submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on nominating officers for the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York, for the ensuing year, would respectfully recommend the following Illustrious Brethren :

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| Ill.: GREGORY SATTERLEE, 32°, . . . | <i>First Lieutenant Commander.</i> |
| " HENRY A. BALCAM, 32°, . . . | <i>Second " "</i> |
| " JOHN D. P. TOWNSEND, 32°, . . . | <i>Min.: of State, Gr.: Or.:</i> |
| " JESSE B. ANTHONY, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Chancellor.</i> |
| " JOHN C. ROBINSON, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Eng.: and Architect.</i> |
| " AUSTIN C. WOOD, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Hospitaler.</i> |
| " JAMES H. CORRIN, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Mas.: of Ceremonies.</i> |
| " G. FRED WILTSIE, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Standard-Bearer.</i> |
| " CHARLES E. YOUNG, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Capt. of the Guard.</i> |
| " And Rev.: GEO. C. PENNELL, 32°, . . . | <i>Gr.: Prior.</i> |

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| CHARLES H. THOMSON, 32°, } | <i>Committee.</i> |
| JOHN D. WILLIAMS, 32°, } | |
| ELWOOD E. THORNE, 32°, } | |

On motion the nominations were unanimously confirmed, and the above named Illustrious Brethren declared the officers of this Council of Deliberation for the ensuing year.

The Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief appointed:

Ill.: ALBERT P. MORIARTY, of New York City, Gr.: Secretary.

Ill.: OTIS COLE, of Rochester, Gr.: Treasurer.

The Committee on Applications for new Bodies rendered the following report, which was on motion received and the resolution adopted:

The Committee on Applications for New Bodies respectfully report:

That applications for a warrant for a Lodge of Perfection to be known as "Adonai Lodge of Perfection," to be located at Newburg, N. Y., and also for a Lodge of Perfection to be known as the "Yanun-da-sis Lodge of Perfection," to be located at Utica, have been presented and considered by the Commander.

Believing it to be for the best interests of the Rite, your committee present the following resolution, and ask for its adoption:

Resolved, That this Council of Deliberation respectfully recommend to the Supreme Council to grant warrants to the above named Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. ROBINSON, 33°;
SEYMOUR H. STONE, 33°, }
JAMES McCREDIE, 32°, } Committee.

Ill.: Bro.: WALTER M. FLEMING offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council of Deliberation A.: A.: Rite for the District of New York, be and are hereby tendered to E. L. HARRISON, Esq., Secretary of the *Geological and Agricultural Society of the State of New York*, for the courtesy and kindness extended by him to this Body in *gratuitously* providing the use of Agricultural Hall during this session; and that an authenticated copy of this resolution be appropriately engrossed and presented to E. L. HARRISON, Esq.

Ill.: Bro.: MEAD BELDEN moved that a committee (of which the Ill.: Deputy should be chairman) be appointed for the purpose of urging upon the Supreme Council the propriety of prescribing a form of Ritual for installation, and a design for suitable jewels to be worn by officers of Councils of Deliberation.

The motion was adopted, and Ill.: Bros.: ALBERT G. GOODALL and JOHN W. SIMONS were appointed to complete the committee.

The officers-elect of this Council of Deliberation (who were present) were then installed by Ill.: Bro.: JOHN W. SIMONS.

Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES ROOME made inquiry as to the necessity of Representatives or other Illustrious Brethren of the Rite, being clothed

in the regalia comporting with their rank, while attending the sessions of the Council of Deliberation.

The subject was freely discussed, the Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief stating that it was his wish that members of the Council should, during the sessions, wear some suitable regalia; yet, as no rules, either written or expressed, had been given upon the subject, a decision would not be given at this session.

Ill.: Bro.: TOWNSEND FONDEY offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Ill.: Deputy in calling the next Council of Deliberation be requested to direct the representatives to appear clothed with the regalia or jewel appropriate to their rank.

Ill.: Bro.: ELWOOD E. THORNE offered some very eloquent and pleasing remarks relative to the coming fair to be held in the City of New York, in aid of the Hall and Asylum Fund, which were listened to with manifest interest by all present.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: EDWIN J. LOOMIS, the thanks of this Council of Deliberation were UNANIMOUSLY tendered to Ill.: Bro.: ORRIN WELCH, 33°, Com.: -in-Chief, for the very able, courteous and fraternal manner in which the business of this session had been conducted.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: WM. S. PATERSON, the transactions were ordered to be printed under the supervision of the Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief.

Ill.: Bro.: Austin C. Wood, Gr.: Hospitaler, collected \$7.80. The Council of Deliberation was closed in due form, and by the S.: Ns.:

ORRIN WELCH, 33°,
Dep.: for New York, Com.: -in-Chief.

ALBERT P. MORIARTY, 33°,
Gr.: Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Pursuant to summons, a Council of Deliberation was held at Trenton, on the 12th day of the Hebrew month Ab, A.: M.: 5638, answering to the 6th day of August, 1873, E.: v.:

There were present the three Active and five Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, and the Representatives of the Consistory, the five Chapters, two of the Councils and five of the Lodges.

The Ill.: Deputy called the Council to order at 2:40 P. M., and appointed the following officers *pro tem.*:

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| Ill.: WILLIAM H. JEFFERY, | <i>Gr.: Prior.</i> |
| “ GEORGE SCOTT, | “ <i>Chancellor.</i> |
| “ WARREN TUCKER, | “ <i>Hospitaler.</i> |
| “ WILLIAM W. GOODWIN, | “ <i>Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| “ JACOB H. YOCUM, | “ <i>Captain of Guard.</i> |
| “ AMOS HOWELL, | “ <i>Sentinel.</i> |

The Ill.: Gr.: Prior invoked a blessing upon the assembly, and the Deputy declared the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey opened and in order for business.

Ill.: Bros.: JAMES B. TAYLOR, WARREN TUCKER and W. W. GOODWIN were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who subsequently presented their report, which was adopted:

OFFICERS.

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| JOHN SHEVILLE, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>Deputy of Supreme Council.</i> |
| JNO. W. COSAD, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>1st Lieut.-Commander.</i> |
| A. B. FRAZEE, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>2d " "</i> |
| MARSHALL B. SMITH, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>Gr.: Orator.</i> |
| WM. H. JEFFREYS, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>Acting Gr.: Prior.</i> |
| GEORGE SCOTT, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>Gr.: Chancellor.</i> |
| CHARLES BECHTEL, 33° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>" Treasurer.</i> |
| JAS. B. TAYLOR, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>" Secretary.</i> |
| JEROME B. BORDEN, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>" Eng.: and Architect.</i> |
| WARREN TUCKER, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>" Hospitaler.</i> |
| WM. W. GOODWIN, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>" Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| THOS. McDOWELL, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>" Standard-Bearer.</i> |
| JACOB H. YOCUM, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>" Capt. of Guard.</i> |
| AMOS HOWELL, 32° | . | . | . | . | . | <i>" Sentinel.</i> |

The Ill.: Deputy then announced the following named Brethren to fill vacancies on Standing Committees:

Committee on Business.—George Scott, in place of D. W. Wyman; Warren Tucker, in place of A. J. Clark.

Committee on Condition of the Rite.—Wm. H. Jefferys, in place of Alex. C. Peters.

Committee on Finance.—Jerome B. Borden, in place of M. V. Banta.

Committee on Applications for New Bodies.—Jno. Woolverton, in place of Hanford Lindsley.

The Ill.: Deputy delivered a verbal address on matters relating to the interests of the A.: A.: Rite in New Jersey.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed the following committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year:

Ill.: THOMAS J. CORSON,
" A. B. FRAZEE,
" WARREN TUCKER,

who subsequently reported the following Ill.: Brethren, who were severally balloted for and duly elected:

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| For 1st Lieutenant-Commander, | A. B. FRAZEE. |
| " 2d " " " " " | B. B. AYCRAGA. |
| " Minister of State and Gr.: Orator, | GEORGE SCOTT. |
| " Grand Chancellor, | JEROME B. BORDEN. |
| " " Architect, | THOMAS McDOWELL. |

For Grand Hospitaler, **WARREN TUCKER.**
 " " *Standard-Bearer*, **S. A. SUTTON.**
 " " *Captain of the Guard*, **HANFORD LINDSLEY.**

The Ill^o Deputy then appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

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| <i>Grand Prior</i> , | JAMES M. FREEMAN. |
| " <i>Treasurer</i> , | W. H. McILHANEY. |
| " <i>Secretary</i> , | JAMES B. TAYLOR. |
| " <i>Master of Ceremonies</i> , | JACOB H. YOCUM. |
| " <i>Sentinel</i> , | AMOS HOWELL. |

The Committee on Condition of the Rite presented the following report:

To the Council of Deliberation:

Your Committee on the Condition of the Rite respectfully report that our beloved A^o. A^o. Rite in this jurisdiction has prospered during the past year to a greater extent than during any former year in its past history, as the following statistics will show :

LODGES OF PERFECTION.

| | Members. | Initiations. | Dues. |
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| Mercer | 80 | 3 | \$ 14.00 |
| St. John's | 67 | 1 | 8.00 |
| Jersey City | 85 | 12 | 41.00 |
| Excelsior | 84 | 2 | 11.00 |
| New Brunswick | 20 | 5 | 20.00 |
| Adoniram, U. D. | 63 | 51 | 158.00 |
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COUNCILS OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM.

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| Mercer | 21 | 4 | 17.00 |
| Newark | 60 | 0 | 5.00 |
| Excelsior | 69 | 2 | 11.00 |
| Jersey City | 40 | 15 | 50.00 |
| Adoniram, U. D. | 82 | 20 | 65.00 |
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CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX.

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| Newark | 54 | 0 | 5.00 |
| Trenton | 28 | 4 | 18.00 |
| Excelsior | 44 | 2 | 9.00 |
| Jersey City | 40 | 14 | 88.00 |
| Adoniram, U. D. | 82 | 21 | 47.00 |
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| | 198 | 41 | |
| New Jersey Consistory | 165 | 32 | 165.00 |
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| | | | \$672.00 |

Showing 74 Initiations in Lodges of Perfection,

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| 41 | " | " Councils of Princes, |
| 41 | " | " Chapters of Rose Croix, |
| 32 | " | " Consistory, |

and gross amount of dues to the Supreme Council six hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$672).

Respectfully submitted,

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| WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, 33°. | } |
| CHARLES BECHTEL, 33°, | |
| JEROME B. BORDEN, 32°, | |

Committee.

The report was on motion received, and the condition of the Rite in the Valleys of Newark and Camden was referred to the Illustrious Deputy of the Supreme Council for his official action.

Ill.: Bro.: SCOTT offered the following:

Resolved, As the sense of this Council of Deliberation, that the different Bodies of the A.: A.: Rite would be better served by the distribution of four rituals, instead of two, as at the present time, and that the Ill.: Deputy and Active members of this district use their efforts to secure the same at the next meeting of the Supreme Council.

Resolved, That this Council of Deliberation would most respectfully recommend to the Supreme Council that the annual *per capita* fees to that Body, on candidates in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, be reduced to two dollars.

The Committee on Ritualistic Matters submitted the following report, which was on motion received and adopted:

To the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey:

Your Committee on Ritualistic Matters find just grounds to congratulate this Council of Deliberation and the members of this jurisdiction on the spirit of emulation that now pervades the various Bodies of the A.: A.: Rite throughout the jurisdiction. They are now procuring robes for the various officers and other paraphernalia for the proper working of the several degrees, and thereby rendering the degrees in such a manner as to awaken more interest for the Rite among the initiates and members.

We would particularly instance the Grand Consistory, the Bodies located in the Valley of Jersey City, New Brunswick, Camden and Paterson.

We feel confident the day is in the near future when the A.: A.: Rite in this jurisdiction will take rank with the Bodies in other jurisdictions for perfection of work and the necessary paraphernalia for exemplification of the various degrees or grades of the Rite.

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| JAMES B. TAYLOR, 32°, | } |
| WILLIAM WALLACE GOODWIN, 33°, | |
| JNO W. COSAD, 32°, | |

Committee.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

To the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey:

Your Committee on Finance report that we have considered the several matters of a financial character, and do recommend that the Ill.: Deputy and Gr.: Secretary be authorized to lay an assessment on the Bodies of the A.: A.: Rite in this District for the sum of sixty dollars, the amount necessary to pay the bills for expenses, including the printing of the proceedings, Secretary's bill, rent, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

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| JEROME B. BORDEN, 32°, | } |
| A. B. FRAZEE, 32°, | |
| THOMAS J. CORSON, 33°, | |

Committee.

The Committee on Applications for new Bodies submitted the following report, which was on motion received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

TRENTON, August 6, 1873, E. v.

To the Council of Deliberation:

The Standing Committee on Applications for new Bodies respectfully report as follows:

Resolved. That this Council of Deliberation do recommend to the Supreme Council that warrants be granted to the Bodies now working under dispensation in the Valley of Paterson, viz: Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, Adoniram Council P.: of J.:, and Adoniram Chapter Rose Croix.

Respectfully submitted,

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| W. H. JEFFERYS, 33°, | } |
| MARSHAL B. SMITH, 33°, | |
| JOHN WOOLVERTON, 33°, | |

Committee.

The Ill.: Deputy announced the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

On Business.—George Scott, Warren Tucker and Thos. McDowell.

On Finance.—Jerome B. Borden, A. B. Frazee and Thos. J. Corson.

On Applications for New Bodies.—Marshal B. Smith, John Woolverton and W. H. Jefferys.

On Ritualistic Matters.—Jas. B. Taylor, Wm. Wallace Goodwin and John W. Cosed.

The Box of Fraternal Assistance was then passed and the amount collected, \$1.48, was ordered to be paid to the Home of the Friendless.

The Ill.: and Rev. Wm. H. Jefferys, Gr.: Prior p. t., returned thanks to the Gr.: A.: O.: T.: U.: for the harmony which had pre-

vailed during the session, and invoked a blessing on the Rite throughout the jurisdiction. The Council was then closed.

JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°,

Deputy for New Jersey.

JAMES B. TAYLOR, 32°,

Gr.: Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

In obedience to the summons issued by Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Brother Anthony E. Stocker, 33°, Deputy for the State of Pennsylvania of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of North America, a Council of Deliberation was convened in the chapter room of the Masonic Temple, Chestnut street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 3d day of the Hebrew month Kislev, A. M. 5688, answering to the 5th day of December, A. D. 1872.

PRESENT.

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| ANTHONY E. STOCKER, 33°, | Ill.: Com.-in-Chief. |
| C. F. KNAPP, 33°, | " 1st Lieut. Com. |
| SAMUEL HARPER, 33°, | " 2d Lieut. Com. |
| WILLIAM H. EGLE, 33°, | " Minister of State. |
| ANDREW ROBENO, JR., 33°, | " G. Prior. |
| CHARLES R. EARLEY, 33°, | " G. Chancellor. |
| NATHAN SMITH, 33°, | " G. Treasurer. |
| JOHN HANOLD, 33°, | " G. Secretary. |
| THEODORE F. SCHEFFER, 32°, | " G. Hospitaler. |
| HORACE FRITZ, 32°, | " G. M. of Ceremonies. |
| B. F. KOLLER, 32°, | " G. Standard Bearer. |
| EDWARD S. KEELER, 32°, | " G. Captain of Guard. |
| CHARLES SCHNIDER, 32°, | " G. Sentinel. |

The following Bodies were represented:

Pennsylvania Consistory,
Philadelphia Consistory,
Harrisburg Consistory,
Caldwell Consistory,
Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix,
Evergreen Chapter of Rose Croix,
Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix,
De Joinville Council of P.: of J.:,
Harrisburg Council of P.: of J.:,
Gourgas Grand Lodge of Perfection,
Philadelphia Gr.: Lodge of Perfection,
Harrisburg Grand Lodge of Perfection,
Enoch Grand Lodge of Perfection,
Shrewsbury Gr.: Lodge of Perfection.

There were also present eight honorary members of the 33°, and numerous visitors.

The Council was opened in due form at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes.

The minutes of the last Annual Assembly were read and adopted.

The Illustrious Deputy was pleased to deliver the following address:

ILLUSTRIOS BRETHREN:

Agreeably to your wishes, and in pursuance of Article XXXIV. of the Constitution of the Supreme Council, this Council of Deliberation has been convened to-day in annual session. Were there no other reason than the transaction of business for our thus meeting, at least once in each year, there is much benefit experienced and to be expected from Brethren of the same household coming together in one place from the most distant parts of our jurisdiction to extend friendly greetings, to consult together for our mutual good, to advise, to encourage and to stimulate one another in the good work we have before us.

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in Pittsburg, since their resuscitation, have continued their work, and during the past year having conferred the degrees upon numerous applicants.

The Bodies at Bloomsburg and Philadelphia have also been actively at work, and, I believe, are improving in work as well as active in increasing their membership.

Those at Harrisburg and Shrewsbury have done but little work.

I am far from encouraging hasty or inconsiderate zeal in bringing members into the Order for the purpose of making a good report, or of appearing to do a great deal; but the Bodies at Harrisburg and Shrewsbury should each be more actively at work, and at least keep themselves bright by regular meetings and practice.

Much of the lethargy to be seen in too many of our Bodies is due, I am persuaded, to the too common practice of communicating the degrees, and of giving the candidates the baldest outline, if any, of the character of the degree taken, to say nothing of the entire omission, or even reference to the cardinal virtues and precepts inculcated in these degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, which, I am free to say, if appreciated and acted up to, would make us all better men, better masons, and good Christians.

Ask yourselves, Brethren, what would have been the condition of our sister York Rites (whose precedence and foundation to all our own degrees we acknowledge and insist upon) if her degrees had been given by communication, instead of the thorough working of each degree of it, by which we are familiarized with its ritual and requirements.

The practice, at any rate, of conferring more than one series of degrees in any one day cannot be too severely condemned. Your candidates go away with a heterogenous mass of information (if it can be so called) stowed away in their brains, incomprehensible in too many cases to themselves, with too little interest in the work to care to have it explained afterwards by another, if, indeed, they may be so fortunate

as to find one himself so thoroughly instructed as to be able to diffuse the light and information which he is supposed to have acquired.

Better far to work one degree faithfully, well and in full, and to let your candidate come night after night for each succeeding series of degrees, than to confuse him with ceremonies which escape from his memory almost as soon as they are given.

And here, I repeat what I endeavored to impress upon your minds at the last annual session of this Council in regard to frequent changes in the presiding officers of the several Bodies. Although the election is appointed to take place annually in the Lodge, Council and Chapter, whereby changes may be made when necessary, and an inefficient officer gotten rid of, there is nothing in the Constitution to prevent the re-election, year after year, of an able and efficient officer. To do the work effectively, and with edification to the members, more than one year is required for your presiding officer to perfect himself in the Ritual, and we shall all consult our best interests and those of the Order by a careful selection of officers, and by a frequent re-election of those who are found competent. Again, no brother should think his merits unappreciated because he is not put into office. It is not every one who has the happy faculty of an impressive delivery and a good memory, both of which qualities are of first importance in the conferring of our degrees. Nor should any brother, not possessed of these requisites, be displeased because one who has them is placed in a prominent position, even though he be a younger member. Suffer then, brethren, the word of Exhortation. Select your officers with care, and when the selection proves to be a good one, be slow to change.

Since our last annual session the Supreme Council met in September last in the city of New York. There was a very full attendance of the members, and its proceedings were important and calculated to cement the harmony now existing in the whole jurisdiction.

Agreeably to your resolution of last year, the proposition of Ill.: Inspector General T. R. DAVIS, 33°, to admit and make all Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, members of the Council of Deliberation in each State, was communicated to the Supreme Council, and by it was referred to its Committee on Jurisprudence. This committee reported adversely to the proposition, acknowledging, however, the right of each Council of Deliberation to invite all Sublime Princes Royal Secret, 32°, to take seats and participate in the proceedings and discussions of the Council, but not admitting them to membership, or giving them the right to vote. The report of the committee was unanimously confirmed by the Supreme Council.

The Ritual for the Degrees of Perfection was reported by the committee previously appointed, and was ordered to be issued under certain precautions to each Lodge of Perfection in the jurisdiction, and all other Rituals of Perfection of every character were ordered to be returned to the committee appointed to distribute them.

Much delay and considerable annoyance having been experienced in the forwarding of returns to the Supreme Council, that Body has adopted more stringent rules in relation thereto. These resolutions have been communicated to all the Bodies in the jurisdiction, and when sent to those which heretofore have strictly complied with the requirements of the Constitution, they must not feel as though any reflection implying any censure was cast upon such; but that no excuse or ignorance in the future should be pleaded by any, the order was given that notice should be sent to each and every Body in the jurisdiction.

Illustrious Sovereign Grand Inspector-General J. CLARKE HAGEY, 33°, having presented to the Supreme Council his resignation of active membership therein, the Supreme Council accepted the same, and unanimously elected Illustrious Inspector-General CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, Honorary 33°, of Bloomsburg, to the grade of active membership, and he was received and acknowledged as a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°, and Active member of the Supreme Council.

On the fourth day of November last, in consequence of his business requiring his more constant attention, Illustrious Inspector-General TOWNSEND S. HUNN, 33°, tendered to me his resignation of the office of Secretary General of this Council of Deliberation. Illustrious Brother HUNN has proved himself a faithful officer, and I return him most sincere thanks for his able and hearty co-operation with me in furthering the interests of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in this jurisdiction.

Illustrious Inspector-General JOHN HANOLD, 33°, has been appointed by me to succeed Illustrious Inspector-General TOWNSEND S. HUNN, and having accepted the office, will bring to the discharge of his duties the zeal, fidelity and promptitude which characterize all he undertakes in the interest of the Order.

The following named Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, having been elected to the Honorary Grade of Illustrious Inspector-General, 33°, appeared and received that high grade, viz: JAMES H. HOPKINS, HENRY SARTAIN, GETER C. SHIDLE.

The Constitution of the Supreme Council requires that the Deputy shall cause some portion of the work to be exemplified at each session of the Council of Deliberation, and I have endeavored to comply with this duty.

Hitherto I have called upon one of the Bodies meeting in this city to fulfill this obligation. But, Illustrious Brethren, it is not just either to these Bodies that they should engross all the opportunities of showing their zeal and ability in the efficient rendering of our Ritual, or to the Bodies meeting elsewhere in our jurisdiction, that they should not have the same opportunity of showing that they are equally competent. Accordingly, Philadelphia Consistory has complied with my request, and will, this evening, exemplify the Twenty-ninth Degree. But, in order that surprise or any other excuse may not be pleaded in the future,

I announce the appointments for the exemplification of work in the future in the following order:

In 1873, by the Bodies meeting in the Valley of Bloomsburg.

In 1874, by the Bodies meeting in the Valley of Harrisburg.

In 1875, by the Bodies meeting in the Valley of Pittsburg.

In 1876, by the Bodies meeting in the Valley of Shrewsbury.

In either case, the members of the Bodies meeting in the Valley thus designated will make their own selection of the degrees to be exemplified, and will communicate the selection to me at least sixty days before the time appointed for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation, but I especially request that the same degree shall not be exemplified two years in succession.

By this arrangement and timely notice, ample opportunity is given for preparation, and I have no hesitation in saying that when the Council of Deliberation meets in this Valley, the Bodies meeting here will place all their regalia and furniture at the disposal of the Body designated to exemplify the degree, and will assist them in all their arrangements therefor.

After this notice and designation, therefore, should either Body fail to perform the duty assigned to it, it will be good ground for suspicion that it has failed to perform its mission, and should present a valid reason for urging it to resign its warrant, that its members may become affiliated with a body that is alive, active and able to do some work.

In conclusion, Brethren, I trust that the same spirit of harmony and conciliation which has characterized all the previous meetings of our Council of Deliberation may be manifested in this, and that Divine Providence will bless our efforts here and in our several Lodges, Councils, Chapters and Consistories, as well as in the world, to exemplify the virtues inculcated in our beautiful Ritual, and to rear in our own persons holy habitations for His Divine presence.

The Illustrious Deputy was pleased to announce the following committees:

On Credentials.—Theodore F. Sheffer, 32°, Isaac Muff, 33°, John S. Bradbury, 32°.

On Finance.—Thomas R. Davis, 33°, Samuel Harper, 33°, Isaac D. Lutz, 33°.

On Nomination of Officers.—James M. Porter, 33°, Charles R. Earley, 33°, Christian F. Knapp, 33°.

The Committee on Credentials reported that upon examination they find all of the Illustrious Brethren named as representatives of the various Bodies in this jurisdiction, as well as the members present, entitled to seats in this Council of Deliberation.

The Committee on Finance reported that they examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and found the same correct.

The Committee on Nomination of officers reported the following:

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| <i>Ill.: 1st Lieutenant-Commander,</i> | <i>A. M. POLLOCK, 33°.</i> |
| <i>" 2d Lieutenant-Commander,</i> | <i>CHARLES R. EARLEY, 33°.</i> |
| <i>" Min.: of State,</i> | <i>W. H. EGLE, 33°.</i> |
| <i>" Gr.: Chancellor,</i> | <i>CALVIN L. STOWELL, 33°.</i> |
| <i>" " Eng.: and Architect,</i> | <i>J. S. BRADBURY, 32°.</i> |
| <i>" " Hospitaler,</i> | <i>HORACE FRITZ, 32°.</i> |
| <i>" " Standard-Bearer,</i> | <i>ISAAC MUFF, 33°.</i> |
| <i>" " Captain of Guard,</i> | <i>E. S. KEELER, 32°.</i> |
| <i>" " Sentinel,</i> | <i>CHARLES SCHNIDER, 32°.</i> |

On motion, the report was adopted, and the names reported elected *viva voce*.

On motion of Illustrious Brother EDWARD S. KEELER, it was

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the proceedings of this Council of Deliberation, from its commencement, be printed, and that a committee of three be appointed to attend to the same.

The Illustrious Deputy was pleased to appoint Illustrious Brothers CHARLES E. MEYER, ANDREW ROBENO, JR., and JOHN HANOLD, said committee.

On motion of Illustrious Brother NATHAN SMITH, it was

Resolved, That the penalty for the non-payment of dues within a fixed time be remitted the several Bodies for the present year.

On motion of Illustrious Brother H. STANLEY GOODWIN, it was

Resolved, That an assessment of five dollars be levied on all the Bodies for the present year, ending July 1, 1873.

A bill of the Grand Lodge for rent of room, up to December 5, 1871, amounting to \$28.00, was read, and ordered to be paid.

On motion,

Resolved, That that portion of the Regulations of this Council not approved of by the Supreme Council, be revised by the Illustrious Deputy prior to the publication of the proceedings.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Council of Deliberation be held on the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in December, 1873.

The Treasurer reported having received the assessment from the several Bodies, as follows:

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| The Bodies at Pittsburg, | \$20.00 | to July 1, 1872. |
| " " Harrisburg, | 20.00 | " " |
| " " Bloomsburg, | 20.00 | " " |
| " " Philadelphia, | 40.00 | " 1873. |

The Council closed in harmony.

JOHN HANOLD, 33°,
Secretary.

OHIO.

None held.

INDIANA.

None held.

ILLINOIS.

Fifth Annual Illinois Council of Deliberation, held in Oriental Hall, Chicago, June 26, 1873. There were present, four Active and seventeen Honorary Members of the Supreme Council. Also Representatives from all the chartered Bodies except those in the Valley of Springfield.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| Ill.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°, | <i>Commander-in-Chief.</i> |
| " WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, | <i>Deputy Commander.</i> |
| " HOSMER A. JOHNSON, 33°, | <i>First Lieutenant Commander.</i> |
| " LOYAL L. MUNN, 33° | <i>Second " "</i> |
| " CHARLES H. BROWER, 33°, | <i>as Gr.: Min.: of State, and Or.:</i> |
| " GEORGE R. CHITTENDEN, 33°, | <i>" " Prior.</i> |
| " WILLIAM M. AVISE, 32°, | <i>" Chancellor.</i> |
| " EUGENE B. MYERS, 33°, | <i>" Treasurer.</i> |
| " GILBERT R. SMITH, 33°, | <i>" Secretary.</i> |
| " JAMES S. MCCALL, 32°, | <i>" Eng.: and Architect.</i> |
| " SAMUEL E. SEGER, 33°, | <i>" Hospitaler.</i> |
| " WARREN G. PURDY, 33°, | <i>" Mas.: of Ceremonies.</i> |
| " M. D. CHAMBERLAIN, 32°, | <i>" Standard-Bearer.</i> |
| " WILLIAM A. WARREN, 32°, | <i>" Capt. of the Guard.</i> |
| " GEORGE THOMPSON, 32°, | <i>" Sentinel.</i> |

VISITORS PRESENT.

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| Rev. and Ill.: H. G. PERRY, 32°, | Ill.: JOHN P. FERNS, 32°, |
| " EDWIN POWELL, 32°, | " JONATHAN FRENCH, 32°. |
| " J. WARD ELLIS, 32°. | |

The Council was opened in due form at 11 o'clock A. M. by the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief.

Divine blessing was invoked by the Grand Prior, Ill.: GEORGE R. CHITTENDEN, 33°.

Upon motion of the Grand Secretary, the reading of the minutes of the last annual session was dispensed with, printed copies being in the hands of the Ill.: Princes.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed the following Committees:

Credentials.—Ill.: Gilbert R. Smith, 33°; W. M. Avise, 32°; and L. R. Jerome, 32°.

Business.—Ill.: Hosmer A. Johnson, 33°; Walter A. Stevens, 33°; and Henry C. Ranney, 33°.

Condition of the Rite.—Ill.: James S. McCall, 32°; Gilbert W. Barnard, 32°; M. L. Stansbury, 32°; William A. Warren, 32°; Louis Furst, 32°; Samuel E. Seger, 33°; and George Thompson, 32°.

Regulations.—Ill.: Charles H. Brower, 33°; James H. McVicker, 33°; and Robert Little, 32°.

Finance.—Ill.: Warren G. Purdy, 33°; James H. Paddock, 33°; and George R. Chittenden, 33°.

Ritualistic Matters.—Ill.: Henry H. Pond, 33°; W. M. Avise, 32°; M. D. Chamberlain, 32°; Robert H. Foss, 33°; and Tracy T. Oviatt, 32°.

The Ill.: Com.-in-Chief stated that on account of sickness, Inspectors General HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, 33°, and ORLIN H. MINER, 33°, would be unable to attend this session of the Council of Deliberation.

On motion of Ill.: LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°, the Ill.: Brethren were excused.

On motion of Ill.: W. M. AVISE, 32°, Inspector General J. W. BREWER, 33°, was excused, owing to business engagements that would prevent his attendance.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was accepted.

The Ill.: Deputy then delivered his annual address.

ILLUSTRIOS BRETHREN:

Again, and for the last time, as Deputy of this District, I meet you in this our “Annual Council of Deliberation.” I take pleasure in greeting you, and gratefully acknowledge that Divine hand which has led us to this auspicious hour. I am glad to meet you here in this beautiful Hall of Oriental Lodge, because it is a monument to the courage and fidelity of the Brethren whom no disaster could conquer, who, amid embarrassments and under the heavy pressure of immense loss, have carried the ark of deliverance forward and helped to heal the ghastly wound of calamity. So one by one the ugly scars disappear, and our city, our joy, and our pride, puts on the beauty and strength of a new and grander life.

Since last we met time has wrought its usual changes, its many colored experiences to us all. It has borne away from mortal work and sight some of the truest and noblest of our band, leaving us the rich inheritance of their doing, of their companionship and lives, and laying a new and solemn obligation upon us to put their spirit and consecration into the work they loved and adorned, and in dying committed to us.

HENRY WINANS BIGELOW, 32°, of this city, one of the oldest members of our Rite, died by his own hand. As a citizen he was held in high esteem for his integrity, and as a masonic Brother, worthy of all confidence and praise for his untiring devotion to the interests of Free-masonry in all its grades. His Brethren of the various orders and degrees have often given expression to their appreciation of his worth by placing him in positions of responsibility and trust, in which he always acquitted himself with honor and most scrupulous fidelity. While the manner of his death was specially sad and painful, we cannot feel that it should be a reproach to his memory, or in the least detract from that tribute due his services and worth. In 1866 he was elected to receive the 33° grade; but owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he was unable to present himself for its conferment. In view of these facts, although he was not a member of this Council, it seems proper that this brief allusion to him be made, and proper action taken by this Council.

Nor must I fail, in behalf of myself, in behalf of this Council of Deliberation, in behalf of the Rite generally, and in behalf of the Supreme Council, to speak of the life and services of Dr. NATHAN FAY PRENTICE, 33°, who died in Freeport, April 19, 1873. To the fitting hands of others, who have lived and walked by his side and have known him in all the intimate relations of private friendship and daily companionship, has been committed the duty of preparing a fitting eulogy. I can only speak the few inadequate words the occasion demands, and commit his name and memory to your keeping. For activity and efficiency in behalf of the Rite he was equaled by few and excelled by none. He was a hard worker, and died at his post with his armor on. He was taken suddenly ill while surrounded by his Brethren conferring the 30th grade, and was compelled to leave the hall, to which he soon returned to complete his work, and then had to be assisted to his home and bed, which he never left until he was carried by the same loving hands to his final resting place. He was a genial companion, a devoted friend, an untiring laborer in his profession; and in the discharge of every duty, public or private, professional or masonic, displayed the same loyalty to principle. It was our sad privilege, in company with our Ill.: Brothers WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, and HENRY H. POND, 33°, of this city, to attend his funeral, and the vast crowds from home and abroad who gathered to pay the last tribute of respect, the suspension of business, the solemn hush that brooded over all, all testified to the signal worth of the departed, that a prominent place was vacant, that an irreparable loss had been sustained. Happy for us if we *partially* fill such a measure of fidelity and usefulness, and earn the love and confidence that will as tenderly and tearfully bear us to our rest when our earthly task is ended.

I am glad to be able to speak encouragingly and approvingly of the general work in the District under our jurisdiction. At our last ses-

sion I had the pleasure of announcing the contemplated consolidation of Monmouth Chapter and Consistory with Gourgas Chapter and Oriental Consistory of this city. I now have the pleasure of informing you that this union has been duly consummated. The Preamble and Resolutions adopted by the Bodies in Monmouth prior to the union exhibit such a commendable spirit and true regard for the best interest of the Rite, we feel that you would be glad to hear them read at this time.

“ WHEREAS, Recognizing as we do, that the importance and dignity of our Rite is attained only by the solemn, grand and impressive manner in which its degrees are conferred, and,

“ WHEREAS, Its privileges should be valued so as to be an attainment of honorable and distinctive merit, and,

“ WHEREAS, We believe its degrees *cannot be elevated* to that standard to which our ancient rituals and constitution direct in our midst, and acknowledging our local pride for the Bodies in our valley, to be surpassed only by our desire for the advancement and good of the Rite, therefore be it

“ *Resolved*, First, that it is the sense of this Body, that Monmouth Consistory No. 3, A.: & A.: Rite, consolidate with ‘Oriental Consistory,’ of Chicago, Ill., upon the terms proposed by said Consistory at its meeting, Thursday evening, April 4, 1872.

“ *Resolved*, That all Sublime Princes, who desire a dimit from Monmouth Consistory, can obtain the same from the Secretary, upon their names appearing clear upon the books.

“ *Resolved*, That a Committee of Three (3) in addition to the Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, be appointed to carry into effect the above Preamble and Resolutions, at as early a day as practicable.

“ *Resolved*, That the action of said committee shall be final and binding upon the part of Monmouth Consistory.”

We must be pardoned for a slight tone of disappointment that since the consolidation our Brethren in Monmouth have done so little to advance the interests of the Rite. With the experience and ability they possess, they ought to be active and efficient, and we have a right to expect that they will cheerfully arouse at the call of duty and soon be able to render a good account of their doings.

We have received most gratifying reports from the Bodies in the Valleys of Princeton, Freeport and Quincy, showing a most commendable zeal and activity, and that a reasonably large amount of work has been done. From the Valley of Peoria we have received no reply to our official letter of inquiry, but from unofficial sources, believed to be reliable, we learn that little or no work has been done, both on account of the stringency of the times, and some internal dissensions, which are now being healed, with a fair prospect of united and efficient action among the Brethren. But little if anything has been done by our Brethren in the Valley of Springfield. The work of consolidation, and indeed all work, has been nearly suspended for various reasons, chief

of which is, that by special request the matter was put over last summer until the close of the warm season, and since that time, owing to the long continued,—and at one time feared fatal illness of the Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, ORLIN H. MINER, 33°. Within the past few days, however, I have received a communication in relation thereto from Inspectors General HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, 33°, Th.: P.: Gr.: Master of H. A. Johnson Gr.: Lodge of Perfection, and ORLIN H. MINER, 33°, Ill.: Com.-in-Chief of Carson Consistory, in which they express the opinion that "it is detrimental to the interests of Scottish masonry to permit the Bodies to exist there any longer, and they therefore, in their general capacity as Inspectors General, recommend :

1st. That the Charter of the several Bodies in the Valley of Springfield be vacated.

2d. That they, together with Ill.: Bro.: THOS. C. SMITH, be appointed a committee to settle with, the several members of said Bodies, give them receipts, and pay the debts due from said Bodies, so far as the money collected will suffice.

3d. That with the exception of themselves, and the said Ill.: Bro.: THOS. C. SMITH, no member of the said Bodies, or either of them, shall be permitted to affiliate with any other Body of the Rite, until they present a receipt or certificate showing that all indebtedness is paid.

The communication is herewith submitted for your respectful consideration, and I hardly need remark that the opinion and judgment of these Ill.: Brethren are always worthy of attention. The Bodies of the Rite in this city, although working under great embarrassment from the want of proper rooms and other facilities, are making most gratifying progress ; they are well officered and are working harmoniously and effectively. The officers of the several Bodies have memorized the work, and although it is not required, all the degrees in the Van Rensselear Gr.: Lodge of Perfection are worked in full.

I desire to call the special attention of this Council to the amendments to the Constitution of the Supreme Council. It is needless for me to say that we owe obedience to the requirements of the organic law of the Bodies of our Rite, and yet I am compelled to state that an almost criminal carelessness or negligence has marked the proceedings of many of the Bodies under our jurisdiction. I call your special attention to the fact that the Constitution prescribes the time for holding elections, and that unless some pressing and urgent reasons exist for a failure to comply with this provision, it ought to be strictly honored and observed. I also call special attention to Article XXXI, which was amended by substitution and now reads as follows:

ARTICLE XXXI. Returns and Dues. "All returns shall be made by the first day of July in each year. One copy of the returns with dues shall be made to the Deputy of the District. One copy of the returns shall be made to the Gr.: Sec.: General. The returns to both officers

above mentioned shall be made by the first day of August in each year. The Deputy of the District shall make his return and pay over the dues of the subordinate Bodies by the fifteenth of August in each year. The Secretaries of each body shall, *immediately after each election of officers*, transmit a certificate thereof to the Deputy of the District, and to the Gr.: Sec.: General, with the postoffice address of the Secretary."

The propriety and wisdom of the various provisions of this Article cannot be questioned, nor the necessity for a prompt obedience on the part of all the subordinate Bodies. I sincerely regret that our Brethren in this District have been so remiss in this particular, and as sincerely hope that there will hereafter be no occasion to remind them of so plain and imperative a duty.

During the year a request was made by several Sir Knights, namely: JOHN H. GUNN, GUSTAVE TOLLE, HORACE HAYWARD, JAMES WEST BROOKE and G. D. SLANKER, residing at Olney, this State, being situated on the southern boundary of our jurisdiction, who desire to become members of the Rite, for permission or special dispensation allowing them to take the several grades and orders in Cincinnati, as their business relations were in that city, and that the permission would be, to them, a great saving of time and money; and, although I did not wish to establish such a precedent, their request seemed so reasonable, and was backed by the endorsement and special request of P.: Gr.: Lieut. Commander ENOCH T. CARSON, 33°, I granted it.

It is doubtless known to the Brethren that the next session of the Supreme Council will be held in this city, commencing the second Tuesday in November. All who are entitled to a seat in that august Body, or to take part in its deliberations, will, doubtless, esteem it a privilege and a pleasure to attend.

Brethren, this is the last time I shall have the privilege of addressing you officially, as other duties imperatively demand that I resolutely refuse to accept a re-election to this important office. I am duly sensible of and grateful for the high consideration shown me by placing me in this position of honor, trust and responsibility. During the term of my Deputyship my views and acts may not have received your undivided approval, and this is but to say that men equally desirous of serving a common end may and will honestly differ as to the best methods to be employed. I can only say that I have tried to do my duty; that it has been my sincere desire and earnest endeavor to promote and sustain the interest and dignity of the Rite. Endeavoring to be conciliatory, with partiality to none, with justice to all, gladly according merit to whomsoever due.

If there has been an apparent neglect on my part to give the Bodies under our jurisdiction the personal attention they may have desired, I am sure my Brethren will generously find a sufficient excuse and justi-

fication in the peculiar and trying circumstances which have beset me. The fearful calamity which fell upon our city not only greatly impoverished me as well as my Brethren, but it imposed a vast amount of extra labor, not only to repair a shattered fortune, but to answer the manifold claims of the needy and distressed. I hope I have not done less than my duty, I could not do more; and I am glad to feel the assurance that no successor of mine will ever be called upon to pass through like scenes of trial, peril and disaster.

It is not easy to speak the parting word; mixed with all the care and labor and perplexity of my position, there has been so much to cheer and encourage that I shall not desire to lay the experience away in some corner of memory. I am in the position of the pilgrim who stands at the close of day upon the hill top, surrounded by his companions who have trod with him the rugged way; who is now to bid them farewell and look for the last time upon the lengthened path behind; and lo, the memory of fatigues, and perils and sufferings is forgotten, as he sees paths and thickets, arid sand and flinty rock all bathed in the mellow splendor that heaven has spread over all.

Princes and companions, I thank you for your sustaining arms. I bless you for your helpfulness. Whatever of privilege and duty lies before us, may we so use the one and perform the other that at last

Within the heaven into which we enter
There shall be no corner for repining.

VINCENT L. HURLBUT.

Documents submitted with the address of the Ill.: Deputy.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
GRAND LODGE OF Ill.: A.: F.: & A.: M.:,
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 6, 1873.

Ill.: Bro. VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°, *Inspector Gen.: Actino, and Deputy Supreme Council A.: A.: S.: Rite, Ill.*

DEAR SIR:

The undersigned, Inspectors [General, 33°, Honorary A.: A.: S.: Rite, crave leave to say:

That they are in receipt from the G.: S.: Ill.: Council of D.: of blank returns for H. A. JOHNSON, G.: L.: of P.:; Rensselaer Council P.: of J.:, Lively C.: of R.: C.:, and Carson Consistory S.: P.: R.: S.:, and that the same are returned for reasons as here set down:

1. See document on pages 14 and 15, Pro.: Coun.: of Deb.: for Ills., 1872.

2. Ill.: Bro.: MINER, 33°, is in possession of all written matter in connection with the finances of the Bodies here that is in existence, and has mental knowledge in connection with them possessed by no one else. The state of his health precludes any action or even thought upon the subject, now, and in view of absence soon, for some time to come.

3. It is detrimental to the interests of Scottish Masonry to permit the Bodies to exist here any longer.

The undersigned do, therefore, in their general capacity as Inspectors General, recommend:

1. That the charters of the above named Bodies be vacated.
2. That the undersigned, with Ill.: Bro. THOMAS C. SMITH, be appointed a committee to settle with the several members of said Bodies, give them receipts, and pay the debts due from said Bodies so far as the money collected will suffice.

3. That with the exception of the undersigned and said Ill.: Bro. THOMAS C. SMITH, no member of said Bodies, or either of them, shall be permitted to affiliate with any other Body of this Rite until they present a receipt or certificate showing that all indebtedness is paid.

Given under our hands at Springfield, Ill., this 6th day of June, A. D. 1873.

H. G. REYNOLDS, 33°.
ORLIN H. MINER, 33°.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, the address was referred to the Committee on Business.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer then presented their respective reports, which on motion were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Council then took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

JUNE 26th, 3 P. M.

The Council resumed labor. Officers and members as at morning session.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which on motion of Ill.: W. M. AVISE, 33°, was received and its recommendations adopted:

To the Ill.: V. L. HURLBUT, 33°, S.: G.: I.: G.: Com.: -in-Chief of Illinois Council of Deliberation:

The Financial Committee of this Body beg leave to report that they find the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer correct.

Your committee do not deem it necessary to offer any suggestion in the question of revenue for this Body further than has been provided for by the amendment to ART. II of the Constitution, as suggested in report of your Finance Committee of last year, which we recommend be adopted.

W. G. PURDY, 33°,
JAS. H. PADDOCK, 33°, } Committee.

On motion, the amendment to the Constitution presented at the last Annual Session of the Council of Deliberation by the Finance Committee, was adopted as follows:

"The revenue of this Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources: The various Bodies shall pay into the Treasury the sum of fifty cents (50c.) for each initiate from each Body; also, twenty-five cents (25c.) from each contributing member of each Consistory liable for dues, which dues shall be transmitted to the Ill.: Deputy, with the annual returns for the Supreme Council."

The Committee on Business presented the following report, which on motion was received and adopted:

To the Ill.: Deputy.

Your Committee on Business, to whom was referred the Address of the Ill.: Deputy, would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same and find it replete with valuable information and timely suggestions.

We would recommend that so much of the address as relates to the death of Ins.: General NATHAN F. PRENTICE, 33°, and Ill.: Prince HENRY W. BIGELOW, 32°, be referred to the Committee on Necrology; and so much as relates to the Bodies of the Rite in the Valley of Springfield be referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Rite.

Your committee, in common with the members of the Council, have heard with regret the announcement of the Ill.: Deputy declining to serve beyond the present term in the office which he has so ably filled. The duties of this position, always arduous, and during the last three years peculiarly embarrassing, have been performed with faithfulness and efficiency, and the Rite in this District will be always under large obligation to the Ill.: Bro.: for his earnest efforts to accomplish unity and promote the usefulness of our beloved institution.

Respectfully submitted,

HOSMER A. JOHNSON, 33°,
WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, }
HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°, } Committee.

The Committee on Ritualistic Matters presented the following report, which on motion was received and adopted :

To the Ill.: Deputy and Officers of Illinois Council of Deliberation :

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Ritualistic Matters respectfully beg leave to report that the A.: and A.: Rite in our State is in a flourishing and prosperous condition, and that the officers of a majority of our Bodies are memorizing the work and conferring the several degrees in a more dignified and impressive manner than was ever before done in this jurisdiction.

Your committee have not actual knowledge of the condition of the work in all the Bodies of the State, but we fully believe that the interests of the Rite would be greatly advanced could the Ill.: Deputy,

once in each year, visit the different Bodies in the State and witness the work.

HENRY H. POND, 33°, *Chairman,*
M. D. CHAMBERLIN, 32°,
WM. M. AVISE, 32°,
TRACY T. OVIATT, 32°.

The Committee on Regulations presented the following report, which on motion was received and adopted:

To the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief:

The Committee on Regulations beg leave to report that nothing, at this time, appertaining to their duties in the present Council of Deliberation has been brought before them requiring their attention or deliberation.

CHARLES H. BROWER,
JAMES H. McVICKER, }
ROBERT LITTLE, } *Committee.*

Ill.: HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°, on behalf of the Committee on Baluster, asked for further time, he being the only member of the committee present, which on motion was granted; the Ill.: Deputy at the same time expressing the hope that the committee would present a report at the next Session of the Council of Deliberation.

The Committee on the Condition of the Rite presented the following report, which on motion of Ill.: HENRY C. RANNEY, 33°, was received and adopted:

To the Ill.: Deputy and Council of Deliberation for the District of Illinois:

Your Committee on the Condition of the Rite beg leave to report that they feel highly gratified at the condition of the Rite in this jurisdiction, as shown by the address of the Ill.: Deputy.

As far as the communication received from Ill.: Bros.: H. G. REYNOLDS, 33°, and ORLIN H. MINER, 33°, of Carson Consistory, is concerned, as submitted by the Ill.: Deputy in his address, although deplored the unhappy condition of affairs apparently existing in that Body, as shown in this letter and in the report submitted to the Council of Deliberation at its last session, yet we feel loth to recommend any further action than that the Ill.: Deputy submit the whole matter to the Supreme Council at their next meeting, to take such steps as may in their judgment be calculated to promote the interests of the Rite.

We cordially coincide with the recommendation of the Ill.: Deputy that the Secretaries of the several Bodies in this jurisdiction be urged

to make their reports more promptly than heretofore, in conformity to the requirements of the constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| JAS. S. McCALL, 32°, | Committee. |
| GILBERT W. BARNARD, 32°, | |
| WM. A. WARREN, 32°, | |
| LOUIS FURST, 32°, | |
| SAMUEL E. SEGER, 33°, | |
| GEO. THOMPSON, 32°, M. L. STANSBURY, 32°, | |

The amendments to the Constitution presented by Ill.: WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, at the last Session of the Council of Deliberation was then taken up, and on motion of Ill.: LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°, the several amendments were respectively adopted, and Article III re-arranged, so that the figures denoting the several officers will be consecutive.

Ill.: LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°, on behalf of the Committee on Necrology, presented the following memorials, which on motion of Ill.: EUGENE B. MYERS, 33°, was adopted :

To the Ill.: Deputy and Council of Deliberation for the District of Illinois:

Your Committee on Necrology would report, that

NATHAN FAY PRENTICE, M. D., 33°, was born in Skaneateles, New York, October 11, A. D., 1825. His father subsequently moved to Owaska, New York, where he (Dr. P.) received his early education. At the age of eighteen he attended school at Moravia, New York. In 1845 he entered regularly upon the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Bennett, in Moravia. During the summer of 1846 he attended a medical academy at Castleton, Vermont, and in the fall of that year he went to New York and attended medical lectures. He then went to Rochester, New York and commenced the practice of medicine. In August, 1848, he removed to the West. Located in Rockton, Illinois, where he practiced medicine for about four years. Was married in November, 1851. Removed to Freeport in 1852, where he continued the practice of his profession with great success.

In January, 1856, he was raised in Excelsior Lodge No. 97. In March of the same year he was exalted in Freeport Chapter No. 28. He was knighted in Janesville Commandery, Janesville, Wis., in 1857. He received the degrees of the A.: & A.: S.: R.: to and including the 14° in Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection, Chicago, in 1868. And the degrees from the 14° to and including the 32° in Freeport Consistory and its co-ordinate Bodies in 1869. He was advanced to the high grade of S.: I.: G.: 33°, and to honorary membership of the Supreme Council S.: G.: I.: G.: 33° and last degree N.: M.: Jurisdiction, U. S. A., at a special session of said Council held in Chicago, June 28, 1872.

During his masonic career he held the following, and many other minor offices in the several masonic Bodies: W.: M.: of Excelsior Lodge No. 97, in 1858. W.: M.: of M. R. Thompson Lodge No. 381, in 1863. Commander of Freeport Commandery No. 7, from 1859 to 1862. Prelate of Freeport Commandery No. 7, again, from 1867 to 1870. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, in 1866, and at the time of his death he was the beloved Commander-in-Chief of Freeport Consistory S.: P.: R.: S.: 32°.

NATHAN FAY PRENTICE, 33°, died at his residence in Freeport, Illinois, April 19, A. D., 1873, corresponding to the 16th day of the Hebrew month Nisan, A. M. 5638, leaving a wife and two children, a daughter aged eighteen and a son of eleven years, to mourn his early death. His funeral services took place at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the 23d of April, from his late residence, under the direction of Freeport Commandery Knights Templar. Sir Knight DANIEL DUSTIN, 32°, Grand Commander of the State of Illinois, Acting Commander, assisted by Sir Knight WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, Sir Knight VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°, and Deputy of Illinois, Acting Prelate.

Sir Knights from Chicago, Rockford, Galena, Dubuque, Dixon, Sycamore, Beloit and Janesville, together with a large concourse of Brethren from different places were in attendance, and mingled their tears and words of sympathy with the Sir Knights and Brethren of Freeport.

His was the largest masonic funeral ever attended in the northwestern part of our State. His loss was not only deeply felt among his masonic associates, but the whole community felt that they had lost a conscientious, gifted and skillful physician, an honest, true and noble-hearted man and neighbor, among whom the memory of his virtues will fondly linger. In the evening after the funeral, a Lodge of Sorrow was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, when an eloquent eulogy was pronounced before a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen by E. A. GUILBERT, M. D., 33°, P.: G.: M.: of Dubuque, Iowa.

Your committee feel that they can close this notice with no more beautiful and appropriate words than those contained in a letter of condolence from the officers of Oriental Consistory, S.: P.: R.: S.: 32° of Chicago, to the officers and Brethren of Freeport Consistory, S.: P.: R.: S.: 32° of Freeport, in relation to his death:

"The earthly pilgrimage of our Brother is over; his life-work ended; and thank God his purity of purpose is our common masonic inheritance. You mourn the loss of one who was so tenderly and intimately associated with your social and fraternal relations, and all mourn the loss of a Brother, who was a living, active exemplar of our highest conception of knightly Christian courtesy and unfaltering integrity. A life so pure and truthful, with an unselfish zeal for the faithful discharge of the high duties to which he was so frequently called, reflect undying honor upon our entire masonic fabric—to God be all the glory."

HENRY WINANS BIGELOW, 32°, member of Oriental Sovereign Consistory S.: P.: R.: S.: and Co-ordinate Bodies; of Appollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T., LaFayette Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., and H. W. Bigelow Lodge, A. F. & A. M., all of this city.

It is impossible to trace the masonic history of this Ill.: Brother. The great fire destroyed the records of his Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Consistory. Notwithstanding a disaster which cancelled these valuable memorials of the past, he has a record deep down in the hearts of his Brethren, which no calamity can obliterate, and which now stimulates us on in the pursuit of a purer and nobler manhood. One of the most active and zealous of the craft, to none more than he is masonry in this city indebted for its large and permanent prosperity. Wise in deliberation, efficient, he was everywhere present with his counsel, sword and purse. Some years since he was elected to an honorary membership in the Supreme Council of this jurisdiction, but in consequence of failing health, he abandoned the purpose of assuming any further official responsibilities.

We deeply deplore a loss which has taken another link from the golden chain of our earlier labors and reminiscences; and all who knew him, as only the widow, the orphan and the distressed could know him, will ever be influenced by the generous impulses of his loving fraternal heart.

On motion of Ill.: LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°, it was moved that Ill.: THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33°, be permitted to complete his memorial on the death of Ill.: Prince HENRY W. BIGELOW, 32°, and that it be printed with these proceedings.

Ill.: CHARLES H. BROWER, 33°, presented the following preamble and resolution, which on motion was adopted:

Ill.: Deputy:

Believing that, in the annual assembly of the Chiefs of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, it would add to the interest of Scottish Rite Masonry if there could be given an essay or lecture appertaining to the object, intent and working of its various degress, thereby the better to enable its officers to understand and carry out the precepts and principles of high grade masonry; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief of this Council of Deliberation, annually, appoint some qualified Brother, other than the Grand Orator, at his pleasure, who will carry out the intent of the above preamble, and deliver an essay or lecture to its representatives when next assembled.

In compliance with the foregoing preamble and resolution, the Ill.: Deputy appointed Ill.: CHARLES HOMAN BROWER, 33°, Essayist of Illinois Council of Deliberation, and requested him to prepare an essay to be delivered at the next Annual Session of the Council of Deliberation.

Ill.: LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°, on behalf of the Ill.: Princes of Freeport Consistory, extended a cordial invitation to this Body to hold its next Annual Session at Freeport. Ill.: W. M. AVISE, 32°, extended a similar invitation on behalf of the Ill.: Princes of Quincy Consistory.

On motion of Ill.: GILBERT W. BARNARD, 32°, the invitation of Ill.: Princes of Freeport Consistory was accepted, provided in the opinion of the Ill.: Deputy the interests of the Rite would be best served by so doing.

Ill.: HENRY H. POND, 33°, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Oriental Lodge No. 38, A. F. & A. M., have generously tendered us the use of their magnificent hall and parlors for this Council of Deliberation; therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby extended to the said Lodge for the courtesy extended to us on this occasion.

On motion of Ill.: THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33°, the following Ill.: Princes were appointed a Committee on Nominations, viz: THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33°; W. M. AVISE, 32°; L. R. JEROME, 32°; LOUIS FURST, 32°, and JAMES S. McCALL, 32°.

On motion of Ill.: WALTER A. STEVENS, 33°, it was ordered that one thousand copies of the proceedings be printed, provided there be sufficient funds in the Treasury to defray the expense.

The Ill.: Deputy on behalf of Ill.: THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33°, Com-in-Chief of Oriental Consistory, extended a cordial invitation to this Council of Deliberation to attend Oriental Consistory this evening, to witness the exemplification of work on the 31st and 32d grade.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report, which on motion was accepted:

To the Ill.: Deputy, VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°:

Your Committee on Nominations would present the following candidates for officers of this Council of Deliberation for the ensuing year:

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| <i>For First Lieut.: Commander,</i> | <i>.</i> | THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33°. |
| <i>For Second Lieut.: Commander-in-Chief,</i> | <i>.</i> | W.M. M. AVISE, 32°, |
| <i>For Minister of State and Grand Orator,</i> | <i>.</i> | GEO. THOMPSON, 32°. |
| <i>For Grand Chancellor,</i> | <i>.</i> | M. L. STANSBURY, 32°. |
| <i>For Grand Architect and Engineer,</i> | <i>.</i> | LOUIS FURST, 32°. |
| <i>For Grand Hospitaler,</i> | <i>.</i> | L. R. JEROME, 32°. |
| <i>For Grand Standard-Bearer,</i> | <i>.</i> | W.M. A. WARREN, 32°. |
| <i>For Grand Capt.: of the Guard,</i> | <i>.</i> | T. T. OVIATT, 32°. |

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| T. T. GURNEY, | } | <i>Committee.</i> |
| WM. M. AVISE, | | |
| JAS. S. McCALL, | | |
| L. R. JEROME, | | |

On motion of Ill.: LOYAL L. MUNN, 33°, the Ill.: Deputy was authorized to cast one ballot for the Officers of this Council of Deliberation, as named in the Report of the Committee on Nominations.

The Ill.: Deputy appointed Ill.: THEODORE T. GURNEY, 33°, teller, when the Illustrious Brethren whose names were reported by the Committee on Nominations were unanimously elected to the respective offices for which they had been nominated, and so declared.

The Ill.: Deputy then appointed the following officers, as provided by Art. III of the Constitution, for the ensuing year:

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| Ill.: GEORGE R. CHITTENDEN, 33°, | <i>Grand Prior.</i> |
| “ EUGENE B. MYERS, 33°, | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| “ GILBERT R. SMITH, 33°, | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| “ JAMES S. McCALL, 32°, | <i>Grand Mas.: of Cer.:</i> |
| “ JOHN O'NIEL, 32°, | <i>Grand Sentinel.</i> |

Illinois Council of Deliberation was then closed in form by the Illustrious Deputy.

VINCENT L. HURLBUT, 33°,
Deputy for Illinois.

Attest:

GILBERT R. SMITH, 33°,
Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

None held.

WISCONSIN.

None held.

OBITUARY REPORT.

FRANCIS DARROW.

In the providence of God we are called to mourn the absence of one wise in council, brave in action, a just and upright man and mason, Ill.: Brother FRANCIS DARROW, of Pontiac, Michigan, under circumstances peculiarly sad and mournful. Alone with his God he met his last enemy, and knowing how long and how well he was prepared for this encounter, we cannot doubt the issue of the last conflict.

On the night of April 12, 1873, while passing from the residence of a friend in Ionia, Michigan, to the railroad depot in that city, he was stricken by the destroying angel and fell dead in the street.

Alone and single-handed he met the monster, yet not alone, we dare believe, for long since he had learned the signification of the Name high over all, of One who hears and answers the faintest cry of distress from his humblest follower. No mortal eye witnessed that struggle or the triumph of that hour. Strangers found him cold in death, but loving friends and faithful brothers were soon near him to pay the last sad offices of love to one loved in life and mourned in death. He was buried by the Pontiac Commandery of Knights Templar, using the solemn funeral ritual of the Order.

Brother DARROW was born in Lyme, Connecticut, March 7, 1810, and died in Ionia, Michigan, April 12, 1873, giving him sixty-three years of *pilgrimage* through this changing world. He removed to Michigan in 1829, and settled in Pontiac, the place of his home at his death.

He early connected himself with the Order, to which he devoted the best energies of his life, and was one of the few old men that did not "retire" on his well-earned fame, but was active to the last. As he honored masonry, masonry honored him. He was Worshipful Master of Pontiac Lodge *nine* years, High Priest of Oakland Chapter *six* years, Eminent Commander of Pontiac Commandery *four* years. He was also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Deputy Grand

High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

In 1861 he received the degrees of the A.: A.: Rite, was created member of Carson Lodge of Perfection, Carson Council P.: of J.:, Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, and Michigan Sov.: Consistory.

All of these Bodies honored both themselves and him by elevating him successively to the government of these several Bodies, except the Sov.: Consistory, where he served as Grand Engineer and Architect from 1862 to 1864 inclusive, and Grand Orator from 1866 to 1868 inclusive.

In 1863 he received the degree of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: General at Boston. In all these promotions and honors it could never be said he sought for any; trying rather to avoid honors they clustered around him, and adorned him with modest grace.

Those who knew him loved him; and his memory will long be cherished by those whose privilege it was to know him.

As he passes from us and is wrapped in the mantle of death, turning from his grave each one may say, "Truly a Prince and a great man hath fallen in Israel to-day."

D. B. TRACY,
R. W. LANDON,
F. A. BLADES,
A. T. METCALF. } Committee.

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

| | Consistories. | Members. | Chapters. | Members. | Councils. | Members. | Lodges. | Members. |
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| Maine..... | 1 | 123 | 1 | 144 | 1 | 147 | 1 | 162 |
| New Hampshire. | 1 | 176 | 2 | 173 | 2 | 181 | 2 | 178 |
| Vermont..... | 1 | 19 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 69 |
| Massachusetts .. | 1 | 672 | 3 | 427 | 4 | 519 | 6 | 875 |
| Rhode Island .. | 2 | 132 | 2 | 147 | 2 | 147 | 2 | 161 |
| Connecticut .. | 2 | 84 | 2 | 86 | 2 | 86 | 3 | 200 |
| New York.. . | 5 | 686 | 6 | 726 | 7 | 769 | 10 | 1079 |
| New Jersey .. | 1 | 186 | 5 | 193 | 5 | 222 | 6 | 349 |
| Pennsylvania .. | 4 | 505 | 4 | 511 | 4 | 544 | 5 | 634 |
| Ohio | 1 | 355 | 2 | 369 | 3 | 427 | 3 | 438 |
| Indiana | 3 | 223 | 3 | 256 | 3 | 309 | 3 | 405 |
| Illinois. | 5 | 778 | 5 | 867 | 6 | 789 | 6 | 825 |
| Michigan. | 2 | 190 | 2 | 183 | 4 | 210 | 3 | 238 |
| Wisconsin .. | 1 | 99 | 2 | 108 | 2 | 103 | 2 | 107 |
| Total. | 30 | 4208 | 40 | 4205 | 46 | 4476 | 53 | 5720 |

In consequence of the rules which formerly existed, limiting the number of members in a subordinate Body, there are in the jurisdiction a large number of unaffiliated members of the Rite.

Bodies, not making returns, are not included in this table.

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1873-1874.

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| MARQUIS F. KING, | . | . | . | <i>Grand Marshal of the Camp.</i> |
| CHARLES BECHTEL, | . | . | . | " " " " |
| JED. P. C. COTTRILL, | . | . | . | " " " " |

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*Died, Dec. 12, 1873.

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ON THE SIXTH DAY OF THE HEBREW MONTH ELUL, A.: M.: 5634,
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ANNUAL SESSION, 1874.



In pursuance of action had at the last annual session in the City of Chicago, and in pursuance of summons issued, the SUPREME COUNCIL assembled at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Boston, Mass., on the sixth day of the Hebrew month Elul, A. M. 5634, answering to the eighteenth day of August, 1874, v. e.:

The SUPREME COUNCIL was opened at 10 o'clock A. M., by Ill.: ENOCH T. CARSON, 33°, P.: Grand Lieut. Commander, Ill.: CHARLES H. TITUS, 33°, Grand Prior, invoking the Divine blessing.

The roll of Active and *Emeritus* members was called, and a quorum being present, the SUPREME COUNCIL was declared ready for business.

The P.: Grand Lieut. Commander read a telegram from the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, announcing that he could not arrive at Boston until one o'clock P. M.

On motion of Bro.: THOMAS A. DOYLE, the reading of minutes of last session was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed to the members.

The P.: Grand Lieut. Commander read a letter of excuse for non-attendance from Ill.: Bro.: CAVEN, of Indiana, which was received; and on motion of Bro.: SICKLES, Bro.: CAVEN was excused.

Excuses from Bros.: JOHN HANOLD, of Pa., and DANIEL McLAREN, of Ohio (Hon. Members), were received and ordered on file.

The Grand Secretary General presented his report from November 14, 1873, to July 31, 1874, inclusive, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Treasurer General also presented his report, which was received and referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Bro.: HENRY C. BANKS, the Council was called off until 2:30 P. M.

Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, under escort of Maine Consistory, S.: P.: R.: S.:, arrived at Temple at 2:30 P. M., and the SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor.

The roll of Officers, and Active and *Emeritus* Members was called, and there were present:

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| " KILLIAN H. VAN RENNSELAER, | " NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, |
| " DANIEL SICKELS, | " BENJAMIN DEAN, |
| " CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, | " ORRIN WELCH, |
| " LUCIUS R. PAIGE, | " THOMAS A. DOYLE, |
| " WINSLOW LEWIS, | " JOSEPH H. HOUGH, |
| " WILLIAM PARKMAN, | " CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, |
| " WILLIAM S. GARDNER, | " RUFUS W. LANDON, |
| " HOSMER A. JOHNSON, | " ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM, |
| " GEORGE W. DEERING, | " AARON KING, |
| " NATHAN H. GOULD, | " RICHARD M. BARKER, |
| " HENRY C. BANKS, | " CHARLES W. CARTER, |
| " JOHN SHEVILLE, | " JOHN H. GEORGE, |
| " THOMAS J. CORSON, | " WILLIAM BARRETT, |
| " JOSEPH D. EVANS, | " WALTER A. STEVENS, |
| " WILLIAM P. PREBLE, | " CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP. |

EMERITUS MEMBERS.

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| Ill.: JOHN W. SIMONS, | |
| " HOPKINS THOMPSON, | |
| " FRANCIS A. BLADES, | |

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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| Ill.: EDWARD P. BURNHAM, | Ill.: HENRY MULLIKEN, |
| " MOSES DODGE, | " SERENO D. NICKERSON, |
| " HENRY H. DICKEY, | " BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, |
| " MARQUIS F. KING, | " BENJAMIN POPE, |
| " ISRAEL HUNT, | " WILLIAM F. SALMON, |
| " ALBERT R. HATCH, | " CHARLES A. B. SHEPARD, |
| " GEORGE O. TYLER, | " WILLIAM SUTTON, |
| " E. DANA BANCROFT, | " EDWARD STEARNS, |
| " WILLIAM W. BAKER, | " ZEPH. H. THOMAS, JR., |
| " JOHN G. CASE, | " CHARLES H. TITUS, |
| " GEORGE O. CARPENTER, | " JOEL SPAULDING, |
| " ABRAHAM A. DAME, | " MARSHAL P. WILDER, |
| " CHARLES C. DAME, | " WILLIAM B. BLANDING, |
| " JOHN DEAN, | " JAMES B. BRAYTON, |
| " WILLIAM ELLISON, | " ALBERT H. CHAFFEE, |
| " OLIVER ELLSWORTH, | " EDWARD W. ATWOOD, |
| " PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, | " HENRY L. PARKER, |

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| Ill.: JAMES H. FREELAND, | Ill.: JOSEPH K. WHEELER, |
| “ SAMUEL H. GREGORY, | “ WILLIAM V. ALEXANDER, |
| “ WILLIAM B. GREENE, | “ JAMES MCCREDIE, |
| “ CHARLES B. HALL, | “ MEAD BELDEN, |
| “ SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON, | “ JOHN A. FOSTER, |
| “ THOMAS R. LAMBERT, | “ WALTER M. FLEMING, |
| “ WYZEMAN MARSHALL, | “ ALBERT P. MORIARTY, |
| “ JOHN McCLELLAN, | “ OTIS COLE, |
| “ CHARLES H. WHITE, | “ AARON L. NORTHRUP, |
| “ CHARLES ROOME, | “ PETER S. OLIVER, |
| “ CHARLES H. THOMSON, | “ HENRY SAFTAIN, |
| “ J. H. HOBART WARD, | “ EDWARD S. WYCKOFF. |
| “ ROBERT H. WATERMAN, | “ JOHN E. BELL, |
| “ GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE, | “ THEODORE ROSS, |
| “ CHARLES BECHTEL, | “ APOLLOS M. ROSS, |
| “ GEORGE SCOTT, | “ JOHN L. STETTINIUS, |
| “ OTIS H. TIFFANY, | “ NICHOLAS R. RUCKLE, |
| “ DANIEL W. WYMAN, | “ JOHN F. COLLINS, |
| “ CHARLES E. MEYER, | “ ROBERT HENRY MORRISON, |
| “ SAMUEL HARPER, | “ JED. P. C. COTTRILL. |

The minutes of morning session were read, and on motion of Ill.: L. R. PAIGE were approved.

The Grand Commander read a letter from Ill.: HENRY L. PALMER, Gr.: Min.: of State, regretting his inability to attend this session; which was received, ordered on file, and on motion of Bro.: THOMAS A. DOYLE, Bro.: PALMER was excused.

Excuse of Bro.: Wm. B. NEWMAN (Hon. Member), was received and ordered on file.

Bro.: COTTRILL stated that in consequence of urgent business Bro.: ALVIN B. ALDEN would not be able to attend this session, and asked that he might be excused.

On motion of Bro.: W. A. STEVENS, Bro. ALDEN was excused.

The M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

ILLUSTRIOS BRETHREN:

It is with a sad heart that I welcome you to your Annual Session. This Temple, and all our surroundings, remind us that since we last separated, Death has laid his hand heavily upon us, and has smitten us most sorely. He has taken away from us:

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

CHARLES W. MOORE, of Massachusetts, and
AMMI B. YOUNG, of Washington.

EMERITUS MEMBER.

EDMUND B. HAYS, of New York.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

JOHN H. LYNDE, of Maine,
NEWELL A. THOMPSON, of Massachusetts,
NATHAN SMITH, of Pennsylvania,
DEWEES J. MARTIN, of Pennsylvania,
ALEXANDER POPE, of Michigan, and
EMMONS TAYLOR, of Wisconsin.

CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE was born in Boston, on the twenty-ninth day of March, 1801. He was apprenticed to the printer's trade, and on arriving at manhood followed that as his business. In February, 1822, he applied for the degrees of Masonry in Massachusetts Lodge, in Boston, and was accepted. It was intended to initiate him on the day of his arrival at the age of twenty-one years, but a change took place in his plans, which carried him to Maine, and he received the symbolic degrees in Kennebec Lodge, in Hallowell, Maine, in May and June, 1822. But he soon returned to Boston, and on the tenth day of October, 1822, became a member of St. Andrew's Lodge; this membership continued till his death.

Within six months from the time of becoming a member, he was appointed to an office in the lodge, and from that time forward, during his whole life, he sustained the responsibilities and performed the labors of some official masonic position.

In 1825 he established the *Masonic Mirror*, a weekly newspaper, devoted chiefly to advancing the interests of masonry. In 1826 the anti-masonic excitement commenced, and as the editor and publisher of a masonic newspaper, he was in a position to bear the brunt of the attack. A less able, less bold, or less devoted man would have succumbed and yielded to the violence of the storm. It was fortunate for our Institution, that its champion was a man of great ability, of a physical and moral courage, that knew no such word as intimidation, and of a love for masonry that led him to suffer, rather than abandon its defense. From 1826 to 1834, he fought the battle in publications of his own, and from that time to 1841 in the masonic department of a newspaper with which he was connected. He fought the battle until victory perched upon our banners, and the foe was not merely beaten, but annihilated. In reviewing at this day those contests, Bro. MOORE reminds us of the Knights of the olden time. The poisoned arrows of hatred, malice and falsehood rung upon his armor, but fell harmless at his feet, while woe betide the poor wight upon whom fell the crushing blow of his ponderous battle-axe.

But it was not merely in the public prints that he fought our battles. In 1831, the storm was at its height; in December of that year the famous "Declaration of the Freemasons of Boston and vicinity" was given to the public. It was signed by nearly 1,500 masons, and was afterwards copied and signed by many others, until it bore nearly 6,000 names. It had an immense effect, and dealt to anti-masonry a staggering blow. It was written by Bro.: MOORE, and it contains, in a few words, the fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

Before this, an occasion arose which gave the anti-masons an opportunity to strike, as they flattered themselves, a fatal blow to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. That Body was incorporated with power to hold real estate to the amount of \$20,000, and personal estate to the amount of \$60,000. Its lease of its hall having expired, it determined to build a Masonic Temple, not dreaming that the Legislature would object to an amendment of its charter, giving it power to hold more *real* estate and less *personal*, keeping the aggregate the same as before. It thereupon purchased a lot and expended in real estate much more than the maximum allowed by its charter, and in March, 1831, petitioned for the necessary legislation. It was at once attacked most furiously, and the petition was denied by a vote of 128 in favor, to 138 against it. But the Grand Lodge went on and completed the Temple; finding that the opposition had made immense preparations for the session of 1832, no action was taken. The Grand Lodge was in a critical position. It had exceeded its corporate powers, and its property was in danger; in fact, its very existence was in peril, for its enemies, rendered bold and more desperate by their success in 1831, were determined to have, at the session of 1832, an Inquisitorial Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, who would examine the records, and summon before them the leading masons of the State, and put to them questions they could not and would not answer, with the alternative, upon refusal, of imprisonment. But a very large proportion of the masons were prepared to meet this issue if it could not be honorably avoided. Indeed, many advocated doing so, rather than yield in the least, though the danger was imminent that that course would destroy the Grand Lodge, or at best leave it deprived of all its property. But the genius of Bro.: MOORE devised a plan by which the danger might be avoided, and though at first many of the Brethren indignantly refused to agree to it, because it seemed to be yielding to their enemies, yet such was their confidence in him, that when the vote was taken, it was unanimous. The property of the Grand Lodge, before any proceedings were commenced against it, was conveyed to ROBERT G. SHAW, a Brother in whom all had confidence, and who afterwards conveyed it to trustees for the use of the Grand Lodge. After conveying its property, upon motion of Bro.: MOORE, the Grand Lodge *voted to surrender its civil charter*. A memorial was drawn by Bro.: MOORE, and presented to the Legislature on the first day of its session, and the

surrender was at once accepted. Thus the property of the Grand Lodge was saved; the "inquisitors" lost their vocation; and the enemies of the fraternity were baffled at a moment when they were promising themselves a decisive victory. Their defeat was fatal, for their power began at once to wane, and diminished so rapidly that they were scarcely heard from after that year.

In July, 1883, he was tried (with his partner) for a libel on a leading anti mason. Special counsel was employed to assist the prosecuting officer, and a tremendous effort was made to convict Bro.: MOORE; but after a long and exciting trial, he was acquitted. As he defended upon the ground that the charges contained in the alleged libel were true, the result was exceedingly disastrous to his persecutors.

As masonry revived, in 1841, he commenced the publication of "The Freemason's Monthly Magazine," which he continued through thirty-two volumes, and to the very time of his death. In these volumes he has built a monument for himself which will endure as long as our language is spoken. As an authority upon all questions of masonic law and polity, he had no superior; and the Magazine is a very mine of wealth in this respect. Indeed, it is scarcely too much to say that Bro.: MOORE has given us our present system of masonic jurisprudence through the medium of that Magazine. But it is valuable not alone as an authority in jurisprudence. It contains discussions of the principles of masonry, historical essays, and philosophical disquisitions that are received everywhere as authority.

I have not been able to ascertain when or where Bro.: MOORE received the degrees of this Rite below the thirty-third. But I think he received them at the hand of Bro.: J. J. J. GOURGAS in the summer of 1844. In our Archives is a Register of Bro.: GOURGAS, in which Bro.: MOORE subscribed a declaration as a Sublime Prince R.: S.:, 32°; but the date is not given. Appended to the signature of others in the same list, is a date, which apparently is that of their receiving the degrees. On the twelfth of September, 1844, Bro.: MOORE was proposed for the thirty-third grade, to which he was admitted on the thirteenth of November following, with EDWARD A. RAYMOND and REUEL BAKER. At the next meeting of the Supreme Council (Dec. 9, 1844), he signs the record as Grand Secretary General. No record is made of his appointment, nor of that of Bro.: RAYMOND as Grand Treasurer General, nor of that of Bro.: BAKER as Grand Master of Ceremonies. Undoubtedly they were considered as becoming officers by becoming members of the Supreme Council, in the order in which they were advanced to the grade. But about a year afterwards the appointments were formally made and recorded, though, in the meantime, Bro.: MOORE had acted as Grand Secretary General, and signed the records as such. He continued to hold that office till 1861, when he resigned, but he continued an Active Member of the Supreme Council, whose Grand East was at Boston, until the union in 1867. He was then the

Senior Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the jurisdiction, and continued the Nestor of this Supreme Council till his death on the twelfth of December last.

To many, Bro.: MOORE appeared cold, stern, and sometimes harsh; but those, who knew him well, are aware that really he was sympathetic and tender-hearted. Undoubtedly, as he once hinted, the bitter trials and struggles of anti masonic days, that left him injured in health and exhausted in purse, tended to give him the air and appearance of sternness and impatience in manner, and confidence and inflexibility in opinion. But in matters of opinion he was tolerant and charitable, unless, indeed, it was proposed to subvert or evade some principle—then he was inflexible. For meanness and dishonesty, pretension and hypocrisy, he had a contempt that he took no pains to conceal.

As a writer, he was unusually vigorous, with a power of sarcasm and denunciation, that was in the highest degree exasperating to those against whom they were used. With all his vigor, however, he possessed a calm, clear and sound judgment, that rarely, if ever, was at fault; and an undaunted courage that was equal to any emergency.

He had an aversion to speaking in deliberative bodies, or on festive occasions; but he was ready, and logical and convincing.

Those of us who took part in "the union of 1837" will remember that there was great solicitude as to whether the articles of union would be adopted by the Body of which he was a member, and especially as to the course which he would take in reference to them. But when they were presented, he moved their adoption in a speech which brought tears to every eye, and secured in their favor a unanimous expression of not only every Active and *Emeritus*, but also of every Honorary member present.

In his address on the fiftieth anniversary of his membership in his lodge, he said: "Yet with all this, as I stand before you to-night, I feel that I have never been disloyal to the great and good principles of our Order. To it, and to its interests, my thoughts, affections, labors have all been heartily and unselfishly devoted now for fifty years, and only second to that hope of future happiness which every Christian man must cherish, is the hope that when my place among you shall at length become vacant, my memory may, in some degree, be cherished as that of a mason true to his Order and to his Brethren, through life unto death."

His place among us has become vacant, and we can truly say that his memory is and long will be cherished "as that of a mason, true to his Order and to his Brethren, through life unto death."

On my way to attend the Supreme Council last year, I was detained a few hours in Boston. A Brother called upon me and insisted that I should accompany him to a gathering of some of the members of Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix. I found there, among others, Bro.:

MOORE. The few moments that I could remain were spent in a manner pleasant in the highest degree. As I was leaving, Bro.: MOORE followed me from the room, and after expressing his fears that he might not be able to endure the journey to Chicago, and his deep sorrow at being compelled to be absent from the Supreme Council, caught my hand in both of his, and with the tears streaming from his eyes, enjoined upon me to remember him kindly to the Brethren, and, invoking God's blessing upon them and myself, bade me farewell. The next time I looked upon his face, it was still in death. May the influence of that benediction be as lasting as it was affectionate and sincere.

Being invited to attend the funeral, I caused such members of the Supreme Council as could reach Boston in season, to be notified by telegraph, and I was gratified to meet a goodly number of the Brethren, who came to pay their tribute of respect to his memory, and condole with each other upon the irreparable loss we had sustained.

In accordance with our custom, I issued a Balustre announcing his death, and directing the subordinates to put on the badges of mourning. A copy is herewith submitted [A].

AMMI BURNHAM YOUNG was born at or near Lebanon, New Hampshire, in 1799. He went to Montpelier, Vermont, about 1830, as the architect of the Vermont Capitol. He completed this work in 1835 or 1836, and a few years after removed to Boston. His success, as an architect in Vermont, gave him deservedly a high reputation in his profession. He removed to Washington about 1852, and had charge of the Government works till about 1864, when he retired from public service.

He must have become a mason immediately upon arriving at his majority, and have taken a deep interest in the institution, for in June, 1822, he was a member of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; in July, 1823, a member of the Grand Chapter; and at the organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, July 9, 1828, he was one of the officers.

He received the twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second degrees in the Supreme Council, on the second day of May, 1846, having "been advanced," says the record, "to the sublime degree of Knight of the Sun, 28°, in the Grand Consistory of S.: P.: R.: S.: at that city" [Boston], "and proclaimed a member of the aforesaid Grand Consistory at Boston, Massachusetts." He was advanced to the thirty-third degree on the fourth day of September, 1851.

Bro.: YOUNG was of stalwart form, and commanding presence; in his profession, very eminent; in disposition, large-hearted and manly in every sense; in character, pure and without reproach; in disposition, unobtrusive and retiring; and as a mason, most earnest and zealous. Though participating but little in the active labor of the institution, he preserved his interest in it to the latest moment of his life; indeed, I am assured, he was scarcely interested in anything else. In Washington he did not make known his masonic standing, but he read

all he could find published relating to Freemasonry. He passed away quietly, March 18, 1874, leaving to us an example well worthy of imitation.

On learning of his death, I issued a *Balustre*, a copy of which is herewith submitted [B].

EDMUND BURKE HAYS was born on the twenty-seventh day of November, 1820, and died the twenty-seventh day of May, 1874.

I have not been able to obtain the facts of his personal or masonic history. It is understood that he had a register of his masonic career, which, it is hoped, will come to light, that we may be able to put his history on record.

In what appears to be a temporary Blotter of the Supreme Council, whose Grand East was in New York, now in our archives, I find the following entry: "EDMUND B. HAYS appointed a Sov.: Gr.: I.: Gen'l., *ad vitam*, 9th masonic month, 1848, and Ill.: Dept'y Gr.: Commander, November 19, 1857. Entered." This is crossed, as if it had been "entered" in some permanent record. If that exists, it *should be* in our archives, but it is not. I have little doubt of the correctness of this entry, as it agrees with information derived from other sources, and that Bro.: HAYS received the grade in December, 1848.

On the death of HENRY C. ATWOOD, he became Sov.: Gr.: Commander of that Supreme Council, and held that position until December 18, 1865, when he resigned his office, and became an *EMERITUS* member; and in consequence, by the terms of the union in 1867, became an *Emeritus* member of this Body.

I was but little acquainted with Bro.: HAYS, and am not familiar with his characteristics. He had a high reputation as a ritualist, and I am informed by those upon whom he has conferred degrees of our Rite, that his rendering of the work was most impressive, and scarcely equaled by any other in the country.

DECEASED HONORARY MEMBERS.

Under the standing regulation, it will be the duty of the Active Members from any State in which an Honorary Member has died during the year, to prepare and present to the Supreme Council such report and resolutions as they may desire to have adopted and inserted in the proceedings.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The charters granted by the Supreme Council last year (see page 68 of proc.), have all been issued.

The dispensation for Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, at Lancaster, Penn., granted last year, has also been issued.

I have granted dispensations as follows:

For Windsor Lodge of Perfection, at Windsor, Vermont, March 6, 1874; and

For Zerubbabel Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, June 8, 1874.

In consequence of a failure to complete their hall when contemplated, the latter body has done no work. The Ill.: Deputy recommends that the dispensation be continued.

I recommend that the dispensation to Windsor Lodge be continued, as no charter can be granted at this session.

There are also the following Bodies at work under dispensation:

In New York: Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, at Troy;

Delta Council P. of J., at Troy; and

Germania Lodge of Perfection, at Rochester.

The Council of Deliberation, at its session during the year, recommends that charters be issued to these Bodies.

In Vermont, Vermont Consistory, at Burlington.

As there has been no Council of Deliberation organized in Vermont, and can be none until an Active Member for that State shall have been created, it will be necessary for the Supreme Council to pass upon the question of granting a charter. I have examined the matter carefully, and I have no hesitation in saying that the interests of the Rite in that State will be promoted by granting the charter.

In Connecticut, E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, at New Haven.

The Council of Deliberation recommend a charter.

In Pennsylvania, Shrewsbury Lodge of Perfection, at Shrewsbury.

Of this I have received no information, and unless there shall be a report from the Ill.: Deputy to the contrary, I think the dispensation should be revoked.

Within a few days I have received petitions for dispensations for a Council of Princes of Jerusalem and a Chapter of Rose Croix, at New Haven, Connecticut, duly approved by the Deputy, which I herewith submit and recommend to your favorable consideration.

The Deputy for New Hampshire has forwarded to me the dispensation and other papers of Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection. The records are loose papers; but as no work was done by the lodge, there seems to be no necessity for copying the records into a proper book, but that it is sufficient to put them on file in the archives.

CONDITION OF THE RITE.

In most of the jurisdictions there has been a gratifying increase of interest in the Rite, manifested by the procuring of suitable apartments, clothing and paraphernalia for working the degrees, and in the increased attendance upon our meetings, and the conferring, *in form*, of the degrees.

The Deputy for New York calls attention to the action of his Council of Deliberation in reference to the thirty-second degree. It is well known that we have no restriction, either as to the number upon whom this grade shall be conferred, or as to the interval of time that must elapse between the conferring of the several degrees. In other coun-

tries, the number upon whom this grade can be conferred is limited, so that it is esteemed a very high honor to arrive at the grade. In the Southern Jurisdiction, the time that must elapse after the conferring of one degree before another is conferred, is fixed by regulation. While it is true, on the one hand, that a lavish giving of the degrees lowers the grade of excellence of our Bodies and weakens the bond of union among the members, it is equally true, upon the other hand, that if the degree is conferred on a very small number, the interest dies out, the degrees are not worked, and the Body has only a nominal existence. Also, if candidates are hurried through the degrees, they fail to understand their teachings, and are Ancient and Accepted Masons only in name; and on the other hand, if the time for receiving the degrees is spread over several years, few will apply, and the interest of those who do, is wholly lost. In both respects, between these extremes there would seem to be a golden mean. To determine what that is, is a serious question, and one deserving your careful consideration, unless you shall be of the opinion that the matter may be safely left to our subordinates, especially after being cautioned by us.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our foreign relations continue to be of the most satisfactory character, and call for very little action at your hands.

CANADA. It was announced last year that it was not unlikely that a movement would be made to establish a Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada. At that time proceedings looking to that end had been instituted. The subordinate Bodies of the Rite were directed to vote upon the question. There was one condition, which might have prevented the recognition of the proposed Supreme Council. It was stipulated, that if any Body of the Rite preferred to remain under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of England, it should be allowed to do so. But all the Bodies voted unanimously in favor of forming a Supreme Council for the Dominion, with, of course, exclusive jurisdiction therein. If one of the Bodies had voted to remain under the jurisdiction of England, there would have been a want of *exclusive jurisdiction*, without which no Supreme Council should be recognized. I understand, also, that correspondence has taken place between the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland, in regard to the Body chartered by the latter at St. John, and that that Body will be included as a subordinate of the new Supreme Council. On the thirteenth of May, the Supreme Council of England voted to establish the Supreme Council for the Dominion. I have been favored by Ill.: Bro.: T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, 33°, with a copy of the communication announcing this action. I submit the same herewith [C]. The members of the rite in Canada unanimously designated Ill.: Bro.: HARINGTON as the first M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander. I have hoped that I should receive notice of the reception of the warrant, before this time, and that I should be able to lay before you the official application of the Supreme Council

of Canada for recognition; but there seems to be some unexpected delay in concluding the matter.*

In May last, I was surprised and mortified to receive a complaint from Ill.: Bro.: HARRINGTON, that Aurora Grata Rose Croix Chapter, at Brooklyn, New York, had conferred the eighteenth degree on G. W. Liddell, a known resident of Montreal. Upon investigation, the allegations were found, indeed were frankly admitted, to be true. The presiding officer, without any attempt at concealment, evasion, or excuse, gave me a full account of the matter, attributing it to his own ignorance of the law, and offering to make any amends possible. I assured Bro.: HARRINGTON that such violations of jurisdiction were not allowed by us, and that the offending bodies must make satisfactory amends. I required Aurora Grata Chapter to hold the fees received from Bro.: Liddell, subject to the order of "Hochelaga Chapter," within whose jurisdiction he resided. But the Most Wise of that Chapter declined to receive the fees, saying he was fully satisfied with what had been done, and that his Chapter would receive Bro.: Liddell as a member upon payment of the usual affiliation fee. Ill.: Bro.: HARRINGTON also expressed his own satisfaction at the course taken and the assurances given. I caused the correspondence to be read in Aurora Grata Chapter, to the end that all the members might be fully informed of the law.

I trust the Ill.: Deputies of this Supreme Council will make special efforts in their several jurisdictions to have the Brethren understand the law upon this subject, inasmuch as almost every year I have had complaints that some foreign jurisdiction had been invaded.

ENGLAND, WALES AND THE DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN. In January last, I received the Balustre herewith submitted [D]. In reply, I stated that the application of a Supreme Council, with exclusive jurisdiction in the Dominion of Canada, for recognition would receive from us friendly and, I fully believed, favorable consideration.

I have also received the Balustre herewith submitted [E], announcing a partial re-organization of that Supreme Council.

GREECE. The recognition of the Supreme Council of Greece, with the commission to ANDREAS KALYVAS, as our Representative, was duly forwarded, and their receipt acknowledged by Sov.: Gr.: Commander RHODOCANAKIS. He announced also the appointment of Ill.: Bro.: GEORGE W. DEERING, 33°, of Maine, as their Representative near this Supreme Council, and stated that his Commission would be forwarded at once, but I am informed that it has not been received. Documents which he had mailed to my address for myself and Bro.:

*NOTE. The "authorization" has been since received, and a photograph copy sent to me. See Appendix. The meeting for organization is to be held October 16, at Ottawa.

DEERING, have also failed to come to hand, and it may be that they and the Commission have been lost.

BELGIUM. The Bulletin of the Proceedings of the Supreme Councils of Belgium, from September, 1872, to September, 1873, has been received. Harmony and an unusual degree of prosperity prevail, and there has evidently arisen upon the Craft a great interest in the Rite. The Grand Secretary General gives an abstract of communications and proceedings received. Ours for 1872 are acknowledged.

ITALY. A communication has been received from Ill.: Bro.: DAVID LEVI, our Representative, accepting the position and tendering his thanks for the honor, and his best wishes for the prosperity of this Supreme Council.

Also a communication, herewith submitted [F], giving the action of his Supreme Council in relation to the death of Ill.: Bro.: MOORE.

BRAZIL. The unhappy controversy in Brazil still continues. Each of the Bodies publishes a Bulletin monthly, and very many documents have been issued in the contest with each other and with the "Ultramontanes." I have also received a letter from the Grand Secretary General of the Lavradio Body. I very much fear that the attempt at a union, and the subsequent separation, have caused so much feeling among the Brethren, that a reconciliation is well nigh impossible. Whether we shall longer withhold a decision as to the regularity of the Bodies and correspondence with the one we shall decide to be regular, is for you to determine. I had hoped that the fierce onslaught made on masonry by the "Ultramontanes," would create union in the craft; but I see no signs of such a result, and I apprehend that it will be brought about only by the decision of the other Supreme Councils.

THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. As announced last year, there has been a schism in the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic.

An official communication from Dr. ALBARELLOS, as Grand Commander, and CARLOS OSIEN, as Grand Secretary General, announces that seven Grand Inspectors-General, four lodges and one Chapter had separated from the obedience of the Supreme Council under a pretext of illegality in the election of Grand Commander, but in reality because they failed to elect their own candidate; that thirty Grand Inspectors-General, Active and Honorary, twenty-eight Lodges and five Chapters remain in allegiance to the Body represented by them; that the seceding Lodges are the "Unione Italiana," "Germania," "Tolerancia," "Les Amis de la Verité;" and that the seceding Inspectors-General are DANIEL MARIA CAZON (our representative), MANUEL H. LANGENHEIM, EMILIO LANDOIS, JOSE V. CABRAL, ROBERTO HEMPEL (the former Grand Secretary General), and AUGUSTIN BATTILANA. These Brethren were known to us as leading members of the Supreme Council; but nothing has been heard from them during the year. It seems, however, that we ought to suspend the functions of our Representative, until we shall determine his *status*.

CHILI. We have heard nothing from Chili since we transmitted our letters of recognition in 1872, except a private letter from Bro.: KENDALL, our Representative.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION. I submit a Balustre [G], announcing that the proposed Congress of Supreme Councils would not be held, in consequence of the failure of the requisite number of Supreme Councils to unite in the movement.

Since our last meeting, this Supreme Council has held its biennial session. I had hoped to receive its Proceedings, but I learn that they have not yet been published. I have received a copy of the address of the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander, in which are certain propositions advanced in connection with our action, which require some discussion; but as I am not advised of the action of that Supreme Council thereon, I forbear comment until the Proceedings shall have been received.

SCOTLAND. A letter has been received, announcing the death, on the second day of June last, of Ill.: Bro.: Lord JAMES CHARLES PLANTAGENET MURRAY, 33°, Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Supreme Council. We sympathize with our Scottish Brethren in their sorrow.

I have also received the "Annual Reporter of the Supreme Council of Scotland," containing an abstract of the proceedings of the year ending May 1, 1874—the first publication of the kind ever issued by it.

At the sitting in May, 1873, a letter was received from Prince RHODOCANAKIS, resigning his active membership, in consequence of the formation of the Supreme Council of Greece; the resignation was accepted, Prince RHODOCANAKIS appointed an Honorary Member, the Supreme Council of Greece recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized.

At the same sitting, Bro.: CHAS. WOODBURY was appointed Representative near this Supreme Council, and the Earl of ROSSLYN recommended as our Representative near that Supreme Council.

Several sessions were held during the year; nineteen Knights of K-H, 30°, were elected and advanced to the thirty-first grade; Ill.: Bro.: BENJAMIN LESTER PETERS, 30°, of St. John, New Brunswick, was elevated to the thirty-second grade, and Ill.: Bro.: ROBERT T. CLINCH, 33°, also of St. John, N. B., was elected an Honorary Member of the Consistory subordinate to that Supreme Council, and five others were advanced to the same grade; a Charter was granted for a Rose Croix Chapter at Bombay, and dispensations for Chapters at Dunedin, New Zealand, and at Shanghai, China; Ill.: Bro.: WILLIAM MANN was elected and "installed" as a member of the Supreme Council, in place of Prince RHODOCANAKIS, and Ill.: Bro.: ALBERT PIKE elected an Honorary member; the action of the Southern Supreme Council in recognizing the United Supreme Council as the Supreme Masonic authority in Brazil was approved; a new code of by-laws was

adopted and ordered to be promulgated; representatives were exchanged with the Supreme Councils of France, Belgium and Chili; in answer to communications from the Supreme Councils of England and Greece, the Grand Secretary General was "instructed to explain that this Supreme Council recognizes and adopts the Constitutions of 1786;" the receipt of the Proceedings of this Supreme Council were acknowledged, and thanks unanimously voted therefor, and it was ordered that an abstract of the Proceedings for the year be published immediately after the meeting on the first of May, with a list of all the members of the Supreme Council and Subordinate degrees holding under it.

At the session on the first of May :

"The Supreme Council took into consideration a communication from the Supreme Council of England, as to the establishment of an Independent Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada, together with memorial and letters from the Consistory of New Brunswick, No. 2, on the Registry of this Supreme Council. After some discussion it was resolved, before replying to the Supreme Council of England, that the Grand Secretary should ascertain, from the Consistory of New Brunswick, in what mode they would prefer to have their wishes, as set forth in the memorial, given effect to."

I am informed that this matter was arranged between the two Supreme Councils upon the basis of recognizing the Scottish Body at St. Johns, and making one of its members a member of the new Supreme Council; the arrangement has been carried out, as far as practicable, until the organization of the Supreme Council for Canada; members of the Scottish Body, which has no power to confer the thirty-first and thirty-second degrees, have received those degrees in the English Body, and an arrangement has been made for the union of the two Bodies, an event that will be the foundation of the prosperity of the Rite in New Brunswick.

Another important matter was the attempted negotiation of a Treaty of Alliance between the Supreme Councils of England, Scotland and Ireland. Correspondence in relation to this had taken place; but it was found that it could be better arranged by a Conference, and accordingly one was proposed. The proposition was accepted by the Supreme Council of England, and deputations were appointed, who met, and upon their report the Supreme Council of Scotland adjusted the following draft :

PROPOSED TREATY OF ALLIANCE

BETWEEN

THE SUPREME COUNCIL 33.:, OF ENGLAND, THE SUPREME COUNCIL 33.:,
OF SCOTLAND, THE SUPREME COUNCIL 33.:, OF IRELAND.

Preamble.

The Supreme Councils above named being anxious to maintain perfect harmony and unity of action, and thus promote the best interests

of the A. and A. Scottish Rite in all parts of the British Empire, do solemnly agree to the following articles :

I.

The Grand Constitutions of 1786 are recognized as the Supreme Authority under which the Allied Councils work, and they agree that no alteration can be made in these Constitutions except with the consent of all Supreme Councils throughout the world.

II.

The Allied Councils, with the view of remedying, as far as possible, the evils resulting from the different Jurisdictions of England, Scotland and Ireland, having subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Councils or Consistories in the colonies, working the same Orders in the same places, agree that so long as in the colonies in St. John's Royal Arch, and Templar masonry, the practice prevails of each of the three Grand Lodges, Chapters or Priors having subordinate Lodges, Chapters or Priors working under their own jurisdiction, it would be impracticable and lead to greater evils to adopt a different rule in the case of the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, but that in event of their being in the same colony or dependency, Lodges, Chapters, Councils or Consistories working under more than one of the Allied Councils, such Lodges, Chapters, Councils or Consistories shall only admit those who have been initiated in Lodges holding under the jurisdiction of the same country as that to which the Council belongs, without the special permission of the Supreme Council of the country of which any one desiring to be admitted is a Master Mason.

III.

Whenever one of the Allied Councils shall have established the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in any colony, &c., it shall immediately inform each of the other Councils of the fact.

IV.

It is agreed that (except in the colonies) no mason shall be admitted into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, except with the consent of the Supreme Council of that country under the jurisdiction of which he was initiated.

V.

It is agreed that neither of the Allied Councils shall confer any superior degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, upon any member of either of the sister jurisdictions without the consent of the jurisdiction to which he belongs.

VI.

Any member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite being expelled or suspended by one of the Allied Councils, shall (*ipso facto*) be considered as expelled and suspended by the other two Councils on due notice being given.

VII.

In order to bring about a uniform system as respects Ritual qualification of candidates for the different degrees, &c., the Allied Councils agree to interchange copies of all their Rituals, Rules and Regulations, and to keep each other informed of any changes that may take place in them, together with an annual list of their members.

VIII.

Lastly, for the more effectual carrying out of the provisions of this treaty, the Allied Councils agree to interchange Representatives at each of the sister Councils.

In the meantime, a question had arisen between the two Supreme Councils, caused by the proposition of the Supreme Council of England to confer the thirty-first degree upon a Knight of K-H, who had received all his degrees in Scotland. Correspondence took place, and in reply to the inquiry of Bro.: MACKERSY, Gr.: Secretary Gen.: of the Supreme Council of Scotland, upon what grounds this proposition was based, Bro.: HAMILTON, Gr.: Secretary Gen.: of the Supreme Council of England, replies, that the Brother in question had become a *bona fide* resident of England, and had "affiliated to our jurisdiction as a 30°." on January 8, 1872. This was not satisfactory to Bro.: MACKERSY, and he replied that this course was not in accordance with Article V of the proposed Concordat.

This state of things existing, at the session on the first of May last,

"The Grand Secretary laid before the Supreme Council a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Supreme Council of England, of date 22d February, 1874, from which it appeared that all the articles of the proposed Concordat between the three Supreme Councils of England, Ireland and Scotland, were agreed to except the second, in lieu of which it was proposed to substitute the following:—'2. In order to prevent the possibility of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite being worked in any Colony or Dependency of the British Crown under more than one Council, it was agreed that wherever one of the Allied Councils shall have established the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in any of the Colonies or Dependencies of the British Crown, that that Council, which established the Rite, shall have exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction (so far as the Ancient and Scottish Rite is concerned) in that Colony or Dependency, so long as the Chapters or Councils shall continue in active working order; and farther, that for the purpose of this treaty, the definite division of Colonies or large Dependencies shall consist of, wherever there is a Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, his district of Government constituting the territory over which exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction is claimed.'"

The correspondence above referred to was read, and the record continues;

"The Supreme Council having carefully considered these various communications, adhered to their former resolution of executing the Concordat in the terms agreed to at the sitting of date, 16th January, 1874, and a copy of which had been forwarded to the Supreme Council of England, provided all the contracting parties fully understood the meaning of the Fifth Article, which is in the following terms:—

"It is agreed that neither of the allied Councils shall confer any superior degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite upon any member of either Sister Jurisdiction without the consent of the Jurisdiction to which he belongs."

"The Supreme Council considered it absolutely necessary that there should be no ambiguity about this, in consequence of the step taken by the Supreme Council of England in offering the 31st degree to a member of the 30th degree under the Supreme Council of Scotland, 'without the consent of the Jurisdiction to which he belongs.' As appeared from the correspondence, the reasons set forth in justification were: (1.) That the Brother referred to was affiliated into the English 30th degree, and (2.) That he is M. W. S. of an English Rose Croix Chapter. In the present instance, the Brother in being affiliated reserved the claims of the Supreme Council to his allegiance, which made it a very unfavorable one for the Supreme Council of England, but apart from this, it should be distinctly understood that the mere going through the ceremony of affiliation is not to be sufficient to elude the express provisions of Article V., above quoted. Should this be understood and agreed to, then this Supreme Council is prepared to execute the Concordat in the terms agreed to at their sitting of date, 16th January, 1874. The Supreme Council did not think it necessary to deal with the second reason advanced by the Supreme Council of England in justification of the step taken. (1.) Because the Rose Croix is not a *superior* degree in the sense of Article V. And (2.) because it followed upon affiliation, without which it is presumed no one who was a member of the 18th degree under the Scottish Jurisdiction could be elected M. W. S. of an English Rose Croix Chapter.

"The Supreme Council regretted not being able to go farther at present than to the extent now agreed on. It would undoubtedly be of great advantage to masonry were there only one governing Body in each Colony, but to begin this with the Supreme Councils would be commencing a reform at the wrong end. The Grand Lodges and Chapters should first lead the way. So strongly, however, were the members of the Supreme Council impressed with the propriety of the movement, that they would have agreed to it had it not been that strong representations had been made by leading members of the various inferior degrees that such a step would seriously injure the working of these degrees abroad, so long as the system of different jurisdictions does exist. Article II of the Concordat, as proposed by this Supreme Council, seems to meet all objections to the three jurisdictions

existing in one place, at least in so far as they can with propriety be met till the system itself be altered. It gives each Council absolute jurisdiction over all those initiated under the Grand Lodge of the country to which it belongs, and seeing that no one of the three countries has any greater territorial right in the Colonies than either of the others, and that it is not proposed to establish independent Councils in these Colonies, but merely admit members under one or other of the three Councils of the United Kingdom—a great deal of the reasoning as to *territorial jurisdiction* does not seem to apply. The Concordat as agreed to by this Council, is certainly a great step in the right direction, and this Supreme Council trusted the other two Councils would not object to execute it, because at present they could not get something more."

I have quoted this action at length, because the question is one of much importance and has also arisen in this jurisdiction.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF FRANCE. The only communication received from this body is a proposition herewith submitted [H], for a Congress of the Supreme Councils at Lausanne, in Switzerland, on the first Monday of September, 1875.

OTHER SUPREME COUNCILS. We have heard nothing since our last session from the Supreme Councils of Ireland, Uruguay, Peru, Portugal, Mexico, New Granada or Central America.

With the Supreme Councils of Spain, Hungary and Switzerland we have not as yet established correspondence. The "Hajnal," the organ of the Grand Orient of the Hungaries, is occasionally received.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Constitution requires that all the correspondence with foreign bodies shall be under the supervision of the Grand Commander. But the labor involved is too much to be imposed upon one. I advise, and ask, that a Committee on Correspondence be appointed, whose duty shall be to make abstracts of such Bulletins, Balustres and other communications as the Grand Commander shall place in their hands for the purpose, with such comments as may seem to them necessary for the proper information of this Body, and submit their Report to the Grand Commander in advance of the session.

Also, Representatives of other Supreme Councils should make it a point to have communications from their constituents every year, and transmit such information as may be of interest, directly to the Grand Commander.

This system would, in a brief space, show the condition of the Rite throughout the world, and place the information within reach of all of our members.

DECISIONS.

1. It is not indispensable for the validity of a meeting of a subordinate body, that its Charter be present.

2. The Grand Commander has no power to authorize the conferring of the thirty-third degree in another jurisdiction, upon a candidate elected by this Supreme Council.

3. An Honorary Ill.: Inspector-General, 33°, is bound to obey the summons of the Consistory to which he belongs, precisely like any other member.

In this connection, I desire to call your attention to the fact, that our Constitution makes no provision whatever for the manner of proceeding in disciplining an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°. Article 31 of the Constitution, by implication, excludes them from discipline in the subordinate bodies of which they are members. Active and *Emeritus* members of the Supreme Council are, in effect, officers. The Grand Mastership of the Rite is vested in them. Upon well-settled masonic principles, they can be tried, whether for official or personal misconduct, only by the Supreme Council. But we have neither express provision nor settled principles applicable to the case of Honorary members.

4. A question arose upon the construction of Article 31 of the Constitution; but the case was disposed of in a manner that did not call for a decision. But the question is so liable to arise, and is of so much importance, that I deem it proper to call your attention to it. By the first clause of that article, any Body of the Rite may try a member (up to and including S. P. of R. S. 32°) for masonic offenses.

But "such sentence shall not carry with it any effect in the Bodies higher in grade than that in which he was tried, unless the cause be first re-examined in such upper Body and re-affirmed." Charges are filed in the Lodge of Perfection against a member for a masonic offense; he is tried and expelled, and takes no appeal to the Supreme Council; the Consistory of which he is a member re-examines the case, and refuses to affirm the judgment of the Lodge. This singular condition of the affairs is the result: a man expelled from his Lodge is in good standing in Council, Chapter and Consistory! A man whom I cannot recognize as a Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason, I am obliged to recognize as a Sublime Prince! It would subject me to expulsion to sit with him in a *Lodge*, but I am *obliged* to sit with him in the *Consistory*! This would be utterly subversive of all masonic principles, and especially inconsistent with the obligations of a Knight of Kadosh. Again, if I sit with a Brother in a Consistory, have I not the right to vouch for him in any of the other Bodies?

I am clear that the provision I have quoted is radically wrong, and the true rule is precisely the reverse. It seems to me that the higher degrees rest upon the lower, as the temple rests upon its foundation; and that a structure can exist physically after its foundations have been destroyed, as well as a man be a Sublime Prince after he lost his character and rights as a Perfect Mason.

In the York Rite, the rule is universal that expulsion in a Body of any grade carries with it expulsion in all the grades that rest upon *that* grade.

We have also decided that expulsion by the Symbolic Lodge carries with it deprivation of all rights in the Bodies of our Rite; because we build upon the Master Mason's degree in the Symbolic Lodges.

As matter of fact, under our present system, the different grades, so far as the Bodies are concerned, are all independent of each other, except that the lower Bodies are the foundations upon which the higher Bodies build. The Council has no authority over the Lodge; nor the Chapter over Council or Lodge; nor the Consistory over Chapter, Council or Lodge; but each is governed directly by the Supreme Council.

Nor is there any necessity for the judgment of the Consistory to affect the standing of the accused in the lower Bodies in all cases. Cases *may* and *do* arise, in which all the ends of discipline are answered by deprivation of rights in the Consistory. Suppose a member is tried and expelled from the Consistory for violation of some part of his obligation as a Sublime Prince, which was no violation of any duty or obligation in any other degree; shall the punishment be larger than the offense? This Supreme Council has practically adopted the opposite course. It has degraded a man from all rights as an Inspector-General, leaving him in good standing in all the subordinate Bodies. If the principle of the Constitution was carried out, expulsion from the thirty-third degree carried with it expulsion in all the other degrees.

But the effect of discipline by the higher Bodies is not so important as the effect of discipline by the lower Bodies. If a member violates his duty or obligation as a G.: E.: P.: and S.: mason, it affects him in all the degrees. While his obligations in the higher degrees include many things not in those of the lower degrees, his obligations in the lower degrees are all contained in those of the higher degrees. A conviction, therefore, of a violation of his obligations in a lower degree is a conviction of a violation of his obligations in all the higher degrees. The punishment should be correlative with the offense. He has an appeal to the Supreme Council: if he does not appeal, he admits the justice of the judgment, and it needs no re-examination or affirmation in the higher Bodies; if he *does* appeal, the decision of the Supreme Council is binding on all the Bodies, and no re-examination of the case by the other Bodies should be allowed.

One proposition seems to settle the matter. As the higher Bodies have no governing power or authority whatever over the lower Bodies, the judgments of the higher Bodies ought not to be binding on the lower Bodies; and as no one but a member of the lower grade can be a member of a higher grade, when one loses his quality as a member of the lower grade, he thereby loses his quality as a member of the higher grade.

Emphasis is added to this view, when it is remembered that we allow a Brother to be a member of a Lodge in one jurisdiction, of a Council in another, of a Chapter in another, of a Council of Kadosh in

another, and of a Consistory in another. We have members of Lodges of Perfection, who are members of Chapters of Rose Croix in the Southern Jurisdiction.

I invoke your consideration of this matter, and I trust that you will adopt some provision that will not lead to such complications as the present one may involve.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFORMS FOR 32°.

The Committee, to which was referred the subject of Uniform for Sublime Princes, 32°, were not able to report before the Proceedings were published. When their Report was received, therefore, I promulgated it by Circular, a copy of which and of the Report is herewith submitted [I].

GRAND SECRETARIAT.

Under the resolution adopted last year, the Grand Secretary General is required to pay all moneys received, at once to the Grand Treasurer General, and to make monthly reports to the Grand Commander. This has been done promptly during the year.

This course left nothing in the hands of the Grand Secretary General for the payment of incidental expenses, and made it necessary for him to advance money for the Supreme Council. Not believing that this was intended, I drew upon the Grand Treasurer General for three hundred dollars, as a contingent fund for the Grand Secretary General, for the expenditure of which he will account directly to the Supreme Council. This course carries out the system inaugurated by our Finance Committee, without embarrassing the Grand Secretary General, and I hope it will meet your approbation.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES, AND PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION.

I have received the Reports of all the Deputies except that of the Deputy for Wisconsin; but some of them have been received since the opening of this session. It would tend to the dispatch of business to have these reports made in advance, as contemplated by our Regulations.

Councils of Deliberation have been held in Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, and their Proceedings are herewith submitted.

In accordance with the authority granted to me at the last session, I appointed GEORGE O. TYLER, 33°, as Special Deputy for Vermont. His Report shows that he has been active and prudent, and that the Rite is prosperous in that State. I learn that Bro.: BALLOU has moved his residence from the jurisdiction; whether it is so or not, in my opinion it would be for the interests of the Rite to create two additional Honorary Inspectors-General for Vermont, without regard to the rule now established for other States.

CONCLUSION.

I have thus presented such matters as seem to require action or notice. You will undoubtedly address yourselves to the business before you, with your usual promptness, zeal and ability.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

[A.]

BALUSTRE ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF CHARLES W. MOORE, 33°.

GRAND ORIENT, BOSTON, DECEMBER 16, 1878, E.: v.:.

THE M.: P.: SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER to all *Freemasons of the A.: A.: Scottish Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States:*

SORROW! SORROW! SORROW!

BRETHREN:

A pillar of strength has fallen! The Nestor of our Supreme Council has been taken from us. Our Illustrious Brother, CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, died on the twelfth day of the current month.

The masonic labors of his life are familiar to us all. As the defender of masonry in the darkest days of its history, as a firm supporter of the Ancient Landmarks, as a sound jurist, and as a faithful mason in all the relations of life, his fame has spread throughout the masonic world.

On the thirteenth day of November, 1844, he became a member of this Supreme Council; and immediately after was appointed Grand Secretary General, which office he held for nearly twenty years. His interest in the Rite was very great, and continued throughout his life; one of the last masonic meetings he attended was that of a Body of our Rite, and it was with the deepest sorrow that he felt himself compelled, on account of the state of his health and the inclemency of the season, to be absent from our Annual Session, *for the first time within the memory of any of us who survive him.*

But it was as a Masonic Editor for nearly half a century, that he rendered services to masonry, the effect of which will be known and felt as long as the institution endures.

To your Grand Commander, his death is a heavy blow. From our earliest admission into the Order, we have studied his teachings; for many years and during the time of all our official labors, we have enjoyed the high privilege of an intimate personal friendship with him; we have leaned upon him for instruction, wise counsel, and fraternal assistance—and never in vain; we have lost at once, a Teacher, Counsellor and Brother.

In token of respect for his memory, and sorrow for his loss, let the altars and working tools of the Bodies in this jurisdiction be draped with the violet badge of mourning for the space of sixty days, and these letters be entered of record in all subordinate Bodies of the Rite.

Given at the Grand Orient the day and year aforesaid.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

[B.]

BALUSTRE ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF AMMI B. YOUNG, 33°.

GRAND ORIENT, BOSTON, MARCH 16, 1874, E.: v.:

THE M.: P.: SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER to all Freemasons of the
A.: A.: Scottish Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction of the United
States.

SORROW! SORROW! SORROW!

BRETHREN:

Scarcely has the echo of the funeral bells of our lamented Brother MOORE died away, when we are called upon to announce that death has again invaded our ranks and snatched away one of our oldest and most respected Active Members.

On the thirteenth day of this month, Illustrious Brother AMMI B. YOUNG gave up his earthly life to enter upon the heavenly.

He became a member of our Supreme Council in September, 1851, and while his situation was such that he could give but little attention to the work of the subordinate bodies of the Rite, he was ever zealous to promote its advancement, and devoted to its interests. He lived a pure life, and has left an example that will live after him and cause him to be remembered with love and respect.

In token of respect for his memory, and sorrow for his loss, let the altars and working tools of the Bodies in this jurisdiction be draped with the violet badge of mourning for the space of sixty days, and these letters be entered of record in all subordinate Bodies of the Rite.

Given at the Grand Orient the day and year aforesaid.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

[C.]

COPY OF LETTER FROM SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND TO ILL.: T.
DOUGLAS HARINGTON, 33°.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, &c.,
33 GOLDEN SQUARE, LONDON, W., June 2, 1874.

To Illustrious Bro.: THOS. D. HARINGTON, 33°, Grand Representative
of the Supreme Council of England and Wales, &c., in Canada.

DEAR AND ILL.: BROTHER :

The Supreme Council having had under their consideration at their meeting of the 18th ult., the Voting Papers lately received from the various Councils, Chapters and Consistories of the A.: and A.: Rite under their jurisdiction in the Dominion of Canada, I have the pleasure to inform you, that as it appears from the said Voting Papers, that it is the unanimous wish of those Bodies to be placed under an independent Supreme Council, 33°, of their own, and as none of our sister Supreme Councils to whom that wish has been communicated have lodged any objection thereto, the Supreme Council of England and Wales have resolved to issue a warrant or charter, creating and constituting a Supreme Council for "The Dominion of Canada," and will notify the same to the Supreme Councils with whom it is in communication.

May I therefore request that you will supply me, as soon as possible, with the name of the Ill.: Brother whom it is proposed to nominate as the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander, in order that it may be duly recorded in the warrant, and this Supreme Council trusts that, in forming your Supreme Council, due consideration will be given to the claims of the Brethren in Canada, now under the Supreme Council of Scotland.

In conclusion, I may point out, that it will be necessary for the new Supreme Council of Canada, on its receiving its charter, to formally apply to the other Supreme Councils of the world for their fraternal recognition.

I am, Dear and Ill.: Brother,
Fraternally yours,

ROBERT HAMILTON, 33°,

Certified a correct copy. *Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:*

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, 33°,
Representative, &c.

[D.]

**BALUSTRE FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, IN RELATION TO
FORMING A SUPREME COUNCIL IN CANADA.**

FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE DEPENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNDER THE C. C. OF THE ZENITH, NEAR THE B. B., ANSWERING TO 50° 30' N. LAT., AND 6° W. MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH.

To the M.: P.: Sovereign Grand Commander, 33°, Supreme Council for N.: J.: U.: S.: America.

DEAR AND ILL.: BROTHER :

The Deputy Inspectors-General, 33°, of this Supreme Council in the Dominion of Canada, have recently represented to us that there ap-

pears to be a strong feeling amongst the members of the A.: and A.: Rite in that country—at present under this Supreme Council, for separation from us, and for the formation of an Independent Supreme Council, 33°, for the said Dominion, which already possesses complete civil self-government, as well as its own Grand Craft Lodge, and Royal Arch Chapter.

The Supreme Council of England and Wales are willing, if practicable, to meet the wishes of their Brethren in Canada, but before coming to a final decision they have called on all the Chapters and Consistories under them in that Dominion to record their votes, formally, on the subject.

Meanwhile, I would ask whether, in the event of such voting proving in favor of separation, your Supreme Council would be prepared to recognize and acknowledge a Supreme Council, 33°, for the Dominion of Canada.

With fraternal regards,
I am, Dear and Ill.: Bro.:,
Yours fraternally,
[SEAL.] CHAS. J. VIGNE,
Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

38 Golden Square, London, W.,
December 12, 1873.

ROBERT HAMILTON, 33°,
Gr.: Sec.: General.

[E.]

BALUSTRE FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, &c.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, OF ENGLAND, &c.,
GRAND EAST, LONDON.

DEAR SIR AND ILL.: BRO.:

I have the gratification to inform you that His Royal Highness THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G., K. T., K. P., &c., &c., has been graciously pleased to signify his acceptance of the position of Grand Patron of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for England, Wales, and the Colonies.

I have also to inform you that the following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council, 33°, of the said Rite:

Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES JOHN VIGNE, having resigned his high office of Most P.: Sov.: G.: Commander, was succeeded therein by Ill.: Bro.: Captain N. G. PHILIPS, who appointed The Rt. Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON as Lt.-Gr.: Commander.

Ill.: Bro.: Captain N. G. PHILIPS, having likewise resigned his office, was succeeded by Ill.: Bro.: The Earl of CARNARVON, who appointed Ill.: Bro.: Captain N. G. PHILIPS as his Lt.-Gr.: Commander.

Ill.: Bro.: The Rev. E. H. HAROURT VERNON, having resigned his office as Grand Chaplain, the Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:

Grand Patron.

Ill.: Bro.: H. R. H. ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES,
K. G.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

Ill.: Bro.: The Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON, M.: P.: S.: G.:
Comr.:

Ill.: Bro.: Captain NATHANIEL GEORGE PHILIPS, Pt.: M.: P.: S.: G.:
Cr.: & M.: Ill.: Lt.: G.: Comr.:

Ill.: Bro.: Major-General HENRY CLERKE, Grand Treasurer General.

Ill.: Bro.: JOHN MONTAGU PULTENEY MONTAGU, Grand Chancellor.

Ill.: Bro.: Major SHADWELL HENRY CLERKE, Grand Secretary General.

Ill.: Bro.: Dr. ROBERT HAMILTON, Grand Chaplain.

Ill.: Bro.: Sir MICHAEL COSTA, Grand Captain of Guards.

Ill.: Bro.: Colonel ALEXANDER WILLIAM ADAIR, Sov.: Grand Inspector Gen.:

Ill.: Bro.: HUGH DAVID SANDEMAN, Sov.: Grand Inspector General.
Assistant Secretary, Ill.: Bro.: W. HYDE PULLEN, 33°.

All Official Letters should be addressed to the Grand Secretary General, No. 33 Golden Square, W., at which address all information concerning the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite can be obtained.

I remain, Dear Sir and Ill.: Bro.:

Yours Fraternally,

[L. S.]

S. H. CLERKE, 33°,

Gr.: Sec.: Gen., H.: E.:

33 Golden Square, W., July 15, 1874.

[F.]

[Translation.]

LETTER FROM ILL.: BRO.: DAVID LEVI.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, JURISDICTION OF ITALY,

ORIENT OF TORINO,

10 M.: E.: TAMUZ, A.: M.: 5634,

30 May, 1874, E.: v.:

To the M.: P.: Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council,
33°, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America,
JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

DEAR AND MOST ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER:

A serious and quite long illness has prevented me from acknowledging the reception, as soon as I would have wished, of your very honor-

able Balustre under date of December 16, 1873, in which you announce a very sad event, which has deprived masonry of one of its most illustrious members.

The highly honored Brother, CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, is no longer in this lower world! His death has profoundly affected all the members of our Supreme Council, because they knew how devoted he was to the principles of the Masonry of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and what pains and care he had taken to make them prevail, in spreading light to scatter the shades of darkness, and in maintaining truth to overwhelm falsehood.

Our Supreme Council, at its session in the month of Ijar, 5634, upon the proposition of M.: P.: Grand Commander DEMILBITZ, 33°, gave the battery of sorrow and death to the memory of Ill.: Bro.: MOORE, who no longer lives; and at the same time ordered that notice of his decease be given to all the Masonic Bodies under its jurisdiction, to the end that they might perform the duties prescribed in our Constitution, and also charged me to express to you the deep regret occasioned to us, by the death of a Brother so worthy of all our esteem.

On this occasion, I pray you to receive the assurance of my perfect consideration for yourself, and to be, believe me, always,

Your very affectionate and devoted Brother,

DAVID LEVI, 33°,

*Representative Supreme Council, 33°, N.: M.: J.:, U.: S.: A.:, near
Supreme Council, 33°, of Italy.*

[G.]

BALUSTRE FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33° OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ORIENT OF WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, U. S. A.,
January 10, 1874, v.: e.:

To the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander, the P.: Lieut.: Gr.: Commander, and the Ill.: Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors General of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

M.: P.:, P.:, and Ill.: BRETHREN:

The proposal which we had the honor, a year and more since, to make to our Sister Supreme Councils, that a Congress of the Supreme Councils of the World should be held at this city on the second Monday of May, of this present year, has received no response at all from one-half or more of those powers. The Supreme Council for France declared that it would not be able to send representatives, and proposed that the Congress should be held at Bruxelles. The Supreme Council

for England and Wales does not view with favor the proposal to convene a Congress; and the Supreme Councils for Scotland, Ireland and Italy do not propose to send representatives.

It is thus evident that a few Councils only would be represented in the Congress, and that the purposes for which we proposed it could not be effected. While we greatly desired that it should be held here, we are convinced that the interests of the Rite require that we should sacrifice our wishes for the general good, and that the Congress, if held at all, should assemble at Bruxelles, where the Councils of the great European countries can be represented, and the decisions and advice of the Congress would possess more of the weight of authority.

We therefore inform your M.: P.: Supreme Council that the proposed Congress will not be held here, and that we have requested the Supreme Council for France and its dependencies to propose to the other powers that it be held at Bruxelles, at such time as it shall deem most convenient; suggesting only that it be not held in May of this year, but at a later day, at which Congress, when held, our Supreme Council will be represented.

May our Father who is in Heaven have you always in His holy keeping.

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,
Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

ALBERT G. MACKEY, 33°,
See.: Gen.:, H.: E.:

HENRY BUIST, 33°,
Gr.: Chancellor, H.: E.:

[H.]

BALUSTRE FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF FRANCE.

Universi Terrarum Orbis Architectonis ad Gloriam Ingentis.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE, ANCIENT
ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE FOR FRANCE AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

Orient of Paris, the thirteenth day of the month Sivan, third month A.:
L.: 5874 (twenty-ninth of May, 1874, E.: v.:)

The Supreme Council of the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish
Rite for France and its Dependencies.

*By the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, to the M.: P.: Supreme Council of the
same degree, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.*

M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: COMMANDER AND VERY ILLUSTRIOS BRETHREN :

In consequence of an active correspondence with several Supreme
Councils, we have become convinced of the necessity of a Congress of
all the confederated Supreme Councils of the A.: A.: S.: Rite.

We have to recognize first, that the honor of this first attempt belongs to the Supreme Council of Peru, and to the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, which, with a disinterestedness equal to their zeal for the prosperity of our institution, have much desired to leave to us the care of giving effect to this grand and fruitful idea.

The free exchange of opinions in the meeting of such a Congress would tend to produce a concert of action and a unity of regulations which would give to the A.: A.: S.: Rite a new force and a new prestige for the propagation of its ideas of truth, of wisdom and of justice.

It is through these motives that, after having taken the advice of several Supreme Councils which have promised their adherence, we announce to you that the assembly of this Convention is fixed for the first Monday of September, 1875, at the Orient of Lausanne, in Switzerland.

In that country, which has always been the asylum of civil, political and religious liberty, hospitality is fraternally offered by the new Supreme Council of Switzerland, created some years ago by the Supreme Council of France, and whose existence has been already recognized by America and England.

Without entering into details of the negotiations which have prepared this great event, we ought to congratulate ourselves upon seeing that, which had been up to the present time only a hope, becoming at last a reality.

For a long time the Supreme Councils have expressed the intense desire of assembling the delegates of the different powers of the A.: A.: S.: Rite, in order to draw closer the bonds of fraternal harmony, and to pronounce upon the legitimacy of certain Bodies which have the pretension of claiming for themselves the titles and rights of regular Supreme Councils.

We ask of the Supreme Council of the A.: A.: S.: Rite, in sending us their concurrence, to be pleased to point out to us the different points upon which this action of this Congress ought to bear, so that it may be possible for us at an early day to prepare a complete list of the questions which ought to be discussed in this solemn meeting.

We beg of you, then, Ill.: and M.: P.: S.: G.: Commander and very Illustrious Brethren, to be pleased to communicate this balustre to your Supreme Council at its first meeting, and invite it to choose in advance the delegates who shall attend the Congress, furnished with regular powers.

Persuaded that the confederate Supreme Councils will approve this measure which will tend to assure the prosperity of the Rite and the development of our principles, we beseech you to accept, very Illustrious Brethren, the expression of our most devoted and fraternal sentiments.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe be your support.

[L. S.]

AD. CREMIEUX, 33°,

S.: G.: Com.:

G. GIFFREY, 33°,

Gr. : Secretary and Chancellor. [L. S.]

[I.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND GRADE.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.: A.: S.: RITE, FOR THE NORTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE U.: S.:

Orient, Boston, Mass.

Office of the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander,

PORLAND, ME., May 22, 1874.

To the Ill.: Commanders-in-Chief, Officers and Sublime Princes of the several Consistories under the jurisdiction of our Supreme Council:

I have this day received the accompanying Report of the Committee on Uniform.

By authority of the vote of the Supreme Council, I hereby approve the recommendations of the committee, and the uniform reported by them is hereby declared to be the uniform of Sublime Princes, R.: S.:, 32°, in this Jurisdiction.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

To Ill.: Josiah H. Drummond, 33°, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.: S.:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of adopting a uniform for Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, respectfully report and recommend the following:

SCARF, OR BALDRIC OF THE ORDER.

A black moire-antique silk ribbon, four inches wide, lined with red, and trimmed with white silver lace three-eighths of an inch wide, and worn across the body from the left shoulder to the right hip. In the center where it crosses the breast, a Delta with figures "32" of red silk, in Arabic characters; and radiating from the Delta alternate rays of gold and silver, with a waving sword top and bottom, pointing towards the figures, making a total length of twelve inches. Two inches above the rays, a red metallic Teutonic cross, white edges, and upon it a double-headed silver eagle, two inches in diameter, wings extended and the talons grasping a waving sword, hilt in the right claw; the bottom of the sash to be trimmed five inches on each side with three-inch silver bullion; in center of triangle of sash, a chased white metal Teutonic cross.

BELT.

Black glazed leather two inches wide, red stitching, lined with white, and white edges one-quarter of an inch wide, with white metal buckle and double-headed Eagle in relief.

SWORD.

Blade not less than twenty-eight inches, white metal scabbard and mountings, black oval handle, ornamental transverse, with Teutonic cross and helmet on upper end.

CUFFS FOR OFFICERS.

Plain black leather, red stitching, lined with red, and white edging one-quarter of an inch wide; chased white metal Teutonic cross two inches in diameter, with three white metal buttons having double-headed Eagle embossed in relief.

GLOVES.

Plain white gloves for all Sublime Princes.

HAT.

"Black Felt"—crown four and a half inches high, oval top, brim three and a half inches, band one inch and a quarter; brim turned up full width on left side, with a white metal double-headed Eagle in the center, a Teutonic cross of white metal in front to fasten the plumes; one white plume next to the body of the hat, and one red plume covering the same.

ALBERT G. GOODALL, 33°, {
C. T. McCLENACHAN, 33°, } Committee.

I approve the above *except* as to the baldric; that is already fixed by action of the Sup.: C.: See proceedings of 1870, pages 113 and 114. I am opposed to any change in that, further than perhaps to *permit* the use of the one above described, it being less expensive.

E. T. CARSON, 33°, of Committee.

NOTE.—In order to have uniformity throughout the jurisdiction, I have arranged with Bro. DANIEL SICKELS, 50 Bleecker Street, New York City, to furnish belt buckles and other castings, in quantities or samples.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

On motion of Bro.: THOMAS A. DOYLE, the Grand Commander was requested to refer his address to appropriate Committees, and it was referred as follows:

So much as refers to Charters and Dispensations, to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

So much as relates to the Condition of the Rite and Foreign Correspondence, to the Committee on the State of the Rite.

So much as relates to Foreign Relations, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

So much as relates to reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation, to the Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation.

So much as relates to the Grand Secretariat, to the Committee on Finance.

So much as relates to deceased members, to the Committee on Death of Members.

So much as relates to decisions of the Grand Commander, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

A letter from Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, inviting the SUPREME COUNCIL to hold its next Annual Session in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., received and temporarily laid upon the table.

On motion of Bro.: E. T. CARSON, it was

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to suggest time and place for the next Annual Session of this Supreme Council ; and that all invitations relating to the subject be referred to this committee.

The Grand Commander filled vacancies in standing committees as follows :

On Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies.

In place of Bro.: H. STANLEY GOODWIN,—Bro.: JOHN H. GEORGE.

On motion of Bro.: N. H. GOULD, the hour of ten o'clock A. M. was fixed for the commencement of the daily sessions.

On motion of Bro.: D. B. TRACY, Bro.: A. T. METCALF was excused for non-attendance at this session.

Ill.: LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33°, Gr.: Representative of the Supreme Council of Belgium,

Ill.: R. M. C. GRAHAM, 33°, Gr.: Representative of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction,

Ill.: BENJAMIN DEAN, 33°, Gr.: Representative of the Supreme Council of Ireland,

Ill.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, 33°, Gr.: Representative of the Supreme Council of Scotland,

Ill.: JOSEPH D. EVANS, 33°, Gr.: Representative of the Supreme Council of Mexico,

Ill.: JOHN W. SIMONS, 33°, Gr.: Representative of the Supreme Council New Grenada, U. S. C.,

Were introduced by the Gr.: Marshal General and the Gr.: Master of Ceremonies; and were cordially received and

welcomed by the Sov.: Grand Commander, and assigned appropriate seats in the Council.

Ill.: Bro.: L. R. PAIGE presented Bulletins Nos. 15 and 16 of the Supreme Council of Belgium, which were received and ordered to be placed in the Archives.

On motion of Ill.: CLINTON F. PAIGE, the time for conferring the thirty-third grade was fixed for Thursday at three o'clock P. M.

On motion of Bro.: WILLIAM S. GARDNER, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rituals consider the propriety of placing the P.: Gr.: Lieut-Commander, and Ill.: Gr.: Minister of State upon the right and left of the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, upon all occasions except when the Supreme Council is engaged in conferring the grade.

Bro.: BENJAMIN F. BUTLER made application for permission to renew his Oath of Fealty to this SUPREME COUNCIL, which was unanimously recommended by the Council of Deliberation of Massachusetts, and heartily indorsed by the Illustrious Deputy of that State.

On motion, the application was received and referred to the Committee on Condition of the Rite.

Bro.: ZENAS C. PRIEST, of Utica, New York, made application for permission to renew his Oath of Fealty to this SUPREME COUNCIL, and it was referred to the Committee on Condition of the Rite.

Committee on Returns submitted their report to August 1, 1874, which was, on motion, recommitted.

The Commander-in-Chief of Cosmopolitan Consistory of New York City submitted a proposition from a number of masons in New York, which was on motion referred to the Committee on State of the Rite.

Bro.: HOSMER A. JOHNSON moved that Article 28, of the Constitution, sub-division "four" of "*Powers of Deputies*," be amended by striking out of the fifth line from the bottom of page, the word "first," and inserting "fifteenth;" and the proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The General Session was called off until ten o'clock Wednesday morning ; and the SUPREME COUNCIL went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

August 18, 1874, 5:45 P. M.

Ill.: Bro.: BLADES, from Special Committee consisting of Bros.: H. L. PALMER, F. A. BLADES and VINCENT L. HURLBUT, appointed at last session to investigate certain charges against a member of this SUPREME COUNCIL, reported that the other members of the Committee were absent, and moved that the vacancies be filled, in order that the investigation might proceed.

The motion was adopted, and the Sov.: Gr.: Commander appointed

Ill.: Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS, of New York, and
" " JOSEPH H. HOUGH, of New Jersey,

to fill the vacancies.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE HONORARIUM.

Ill.: JOHN SHEVILLE, of New Jersey, nominated Ill.: Prince WARREN TUCKER, of Newark.

Ill.: Bro.: CAVEN, of Indiana, submitted the names of two candidates; and asked that the time for conferring the grade upon JOHN A. HUTTON be extended to the close of next Annual Session.

Ill.: CHARLES W. CARTER, of Conn., nominated Ill.: Prince CHARLES E. BILLINGS, of Hartford.

Ill.: CLINTON F. PAIGE, of New York, nominated Ill.: Prince JOHN C. ROBINSON, of Binghamton, Lieut. Governor of the State of New York.

Ill.: ENOCH T. CARSON, of Ohio, nominated Ill.: Princes GEORGE H. BURT, of Cleveland, and M. J. MACK, of Cincinnati.

Ill.: JOSEPH D. EVANS gave notice that at the next Executive Session he would offer a resolution that "all

nominations for the Honorarium be laid over one year before final action thereon."

Executive Session then closed.

WEDNESDAY, August 18, 1874.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M.

Additional Active Members present,

Ill.: JOHN L. LEWIS, of N. Y., P.: M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander.
" THOMAS R. AUSTIN, of Indiana.

The minutes of Tuesday's transactions were read and approved.

The Sov.: Gr.: Commander appointed as Special Committee on time and place of holding next Annual Session:

Ill.: ENOCH T. CARSON, of Ohio,
" R. M. C. GRAHAM, of New York, and
" CHARLES W. CARTER, of Conn.

The communication from the Bodies at Pittsburg was taken from the table, and referred to this committee.

Bros.: M. C. ALLEN, of Connecticut, and DAVID NAAR, of New Jersey, made application for permission to renew their Oath of Fealty to this SUPREME COUNCIL; which was referred to the Committee on Condition of the Rite.

The Sov.: Grand Commander read a letter of excuse for non-attendance from Bro.: A. E. STOCKER, which was received, and on motion of Bro.: GOULD, Bro.: STOCKER was excused.

Bro.: E. T. CARSON called up the substitute offered by himself for the second recommendation submitted by the Committee on Constitutions, at the Session of 1872.

The substitute was read, amended, and finally adopted (thirty-four members voting in the affirmative, two in the negative, and one excused from voting), as follows:

"All Honorary Members shall be entitled to a seat in this Supreme Council, except at elections and when in Executive Session, with a voice in deliberation, but not a vote or right to submit motions."

"Those whose former *status* entitled them to be present in Executive Sessions, shall retain such privilege, except during elections."

A communication from Bro.: STOCKER, relative to calling the session of the SUPREME COUNCIL for 1876 at the city of Philadelphia, was read by the Grand Commander, and referred to the Special Committee having that matter in charge.

Bro.: DRUMMOND, in behalf of the Brethren at Portland, invited the SUPREME COUNCIL to hold its next Annual Session in that city; and the invitation was referred to the same committee.

The report of Deputy for Pennsylvania was submitted, and that portion of it having reference to Shrewsbury Lodge of Perfection was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Committee on Returns made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors-General of the 33^c, for the N.: M.: J.: U. S. America.

Your Committee on Returns respectfully report:

That the whole number of Bodies chartered and under dispensation is 192. That the whole number of Bodies making returns is 151, as follows:

MAINE.

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| One | Consistory, | Number of Members, | 126 |
| " | Chapter Rose Croix, | " " | 145 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.: , | " " | 158 |
| " | Lodge of Perfection, | " " | 168 |

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

| | | | |
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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members, | 187 |
| Two | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 179 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.: , | " " | 187 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 181 |

VERMONT.

| | | | |
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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members, | 28 |
| " | Chapter Rose Croix, | " " | 26 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.: , | " " | 30 |
| Two | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 119 |

MASSACHUSETTS.

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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members,..... | 768 |
| Three | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 544 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 530 |
| Six | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 921 |

RHODE ISLAND.

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| Two | Consistories, | Number of Members,..... | 147 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 126 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 141 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 164 |

CONNECTICUT.

| | | | |
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| Two | Consistories, | Number of Members,..... | 111 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 113 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 113 |
| Four | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 251 |

NEW YORK.

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| Six | Consistories, | Number of Members,..... | 942 |
| Eight | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 981 |
| Nine | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 1012 |
| Eleven | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 1242 |

NEW JERSEY.

| | | | |
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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members,..... | 216 |
| Five | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 238 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 259 |
| Six | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 389 |

PENNSYLVANIA.

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| Four | Consistories, | Number of Members,..... | 580 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 575 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 605 |
| Five | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 714 |

OHIO.

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| One | Consistory, | Number of Members,..... | 428 |
| Two | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 432 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 472 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 486 |

INDIANA.

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| Two | Consistories, | Number of Members,..... | 289 |
| " | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 254 |
| " | Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 289 |
| " | Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 368 |

ILLINOIS.

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| Four | Consistories, | Number of Members,..... | 596 |
| Three | Chapters Rose Croix, | " " | 182 |

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| Three Coun.: P.: of J.:, | Number of Members, | 182 |
| " Lodges of Perfection, | " " | 190 |

MICHIGAN.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members, | 200 |
| " Chapter Rose Croix, | " " | 225 |
| " Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 275 |
| " Lodge of Perfection, | " " | 300 |

WISCONSIN.

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| One Consistory, | Number of Members, | 104 |
| " Chapter Rose Croix, | " " | 81 |
| " Coun.: P.: of J.:, | " " | 81 |
| " Lodge of Perfection, | " " | 91 |

That from July 1, 1873, to July 1, 1874, the number of G.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons made in the several States in this jurisdiction are as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Maine, | 10 |
| Vermont, | 36 |
| Massachusetts, | 107 |
| Rhode Island, | 3 |
| Connecticut, | 57 |
| New York, | 165 |
| New Jersey, | 55 |
| Pennsylvania, | 102 |
| Ohio, | 77 |
| Indiana, | 29 |
| Illinois, | 4 |
| Michigan, | 30 |
| Wisconsin, | 14 |

Your Committee would further report the following named States, from previous credits, lapses and work returned, entitled to nominate for the honorary grade of 33°, as follows:

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|--------------------------|----|
| Maine, | 2 |
| Massachusetts, | 18 |
| Rhode Island, | 1 |
| Connecticut, | 2 |
| New York, | 4 |
| New Jersey, | 1 |
| Pennsylvania, | 8 |
| Ohio, | 7 |
| Indiana, | 11 |
| Illinois, | 23 |
| Michigan, | 2 |

CLINTON F. PAIGE,
DANIEL SICKELS,
JOHN SHEVILLE, } Committee.

| States entitled to nominate for the Honorary grade of 33°. | From Previous Credits. | | | From Work Returned. | | | No. of G.: E.: P.: and S.: M.: standing to the credit of the several States at the closing of the Supreme Council in 1873. | No. of G.: E.: P.: and S.: M.: made in the several States from July 1, 1873, to July 1, 1874. | Total. | No. of G.: E.: P.: and S.: M.: standing to the credit of the several States after allowing their nominations at this session. |
|--|------------------------|--------|----|---------------------|--------|-----|--|---|--------|---|
| | From Lapses. | Total. | | From Lapses. | Total. | | | | | |
| Maine..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 90 | 10 | 100 | | 0 | |
| New Hampshire..... | | | | | 12 | 0 | 12 | | 12 | |
| Vermont..... | | | | | 14 | 86 | 50 | | 50 | |
| Massachusetts | 12 | 1 | 13 | | 90 | 107 | 197 | | 97 | |
| Rhode Island..... | 1 | | 1 | | 62 | 3 | 65 | | 65 | |
| Connecticut..... | 2 | | 2 | | 14 | 57 | 71 | | 71 | |
| New York..... | | 3 | 1 | 4 | 34 | 165 | 199 | | 99 | |
| New Jersey..... | | 1 | 1 | | 46 | 55 | 101 | | 1 | |
| Pennsylvania..... | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 82 | 102 | 184 | | 84 | |
| Ohio..... | 6 | | 1 | 7 | 84 | 77 | 161 | | 61 | |
| Indiana..... | 10 | 1 | 11 | | 26 | 29 | 55 | | 55 | |
| Illinois..... | 21 | 2 | 23 | | 62 | 4 | 66 | | 66 | |
| Michigan | | 1 | 2 | | 86 | 80 | 116 | | 16 | |
| Wisconsin | | | | | 82 | 14 | 96 | | 98 | |

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted:

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: General of the thirty-third degree, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report, That they have duly considered the matters referred to them, and recommend that Charters be granted to the following Bodies, viz:

Vermont Consistory, at Burlington, Vermont,
Delta Council Princes of Jerusalem, at Troy, N. Y.,
Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, at Troy, N. Y.,
Germania Lodge of Perfection, at Rochester, N. Y.,
E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, at New Haven, Conn.,

their returns being completed, and their requests unanimously recommended by the Councils of Deliberation to which they are attached.

Your Committee would further report, upon so much of the Grand Commander's Address relating to continuing dispensations, as was referred to them; that they coincide with the Grand Commander, and recommend that the dispensation of Zerubbabel Council Princes of Jerusalem, at New Brunswick, N. J., and Windsor Lodge of Perfection, at Windsor, Vt., to be continued until the next session of this Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CARTER, *for Committee.*

Bro.: F. A. BLADES, of Committee on Decease of Members, asked to be excused from serving as chairman of that committee, and requested the Sov.: Grand Commander to release him from further service and appoint Ill.: JOHN L. LEWIS as chairman of said committee. The request was granted and Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS was appointed in place of Bro.: BLADES.

It was announced that Ill.: Prince SAMUEL JONES, one of the designates for the Honorarium, would be compelled to leave the city at an early hour this day, on account of sudden sickness in his family. Whereupon it was, on motion,

Voted, To confer the Honorary grade upon Ill.: Princes SAMUEL JONES, of New York City, and JESSE B. ANTHONY, of Troy, N. Y., immediately after recess.

The SUPREME COUNCIL then went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

AUGUST 19, 1874, 12:45 P. M.

P.: Gr.: Lieut. Commander presiding.

It was voted to proceed to the election of Honorary Members, which vote was, on motion, reconsidered.

Ill.: Bro.: EVANS called up his resolution read in Executive Session last evening, relative to the election of Honorary Members, which resolution the presiding officer ruled could not be considered in Executive Session.

Ill.: Bro.: GOODWIN, of Pennsylvania, nominated Ill.: Princes GEORGE ESPY RIDGEWAY, of Franklin, and JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER, of Philadelphia.

Ill.: Bro.: TRACY, of Michigan, nominated Ill.: Prince CHARLES T. HILLS, of Muskegan.

The Executive Session was closed, and the Council took a recess until two o'clock P. M.

AUGUST 19, 1874.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor in General Session at two o'clock P. M.

Ill.: Princes SAMUEL JONES, of New York City, and JESSE B. ANTHONY, of Troy, N. Y., were introduced, and the thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon them in due form, and they were duly received and acknowledged as Illustrious Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, and enrolled as Honorary Members of the SUPREME COUNCIL for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

Ill.: Bros. CHARLES L. WOODBURY and BENJAMIN DEAN were, on motion, excused from further attendance at this Session.

Bro.: E. T. CARSON offered a resolution in relation to the promulgation of the Ritual, which was adopted.

On motion of Bro.: W. S. GARDNER, the hour of four o'clock this afternoon was assigned for election to the thirty-third grade.

The Sov.: Grand Commander submitted a design for 33° Diploma, and stated that his powers on that subject now ceased.

On motion of Bro.: LUCIUS R. PAIGE, the powers of the Sov.: Grand Commander on this matter were extended for sixty days.

Bro.: JOSEPH D. EVANS offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Constitutions:

Resolved. That the names of all Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, which have been at this session, or may be presented to the Supreme Council at any subsequent session, as candidates for the thirty-third degree, be laid over until the next succeeding annual session of the Council, before action is taken on their election.

Bro.: CLINTON F. PAIGE moved that the Gr.: Sec.: General be instructed to print a Tableau of the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Bodies under the Jurisdiction of this SUPREME COUNCIL, with the highest grade of each member attached. The subject was freely debated, and on motion the arrangement and carrying out of the same was referred to the Sov.: Grand Commander and Grand Secretary General, with power.

Bro.: E. T. CARSON offered the following amendment to Constitution:

ARTICLE 25.—Revenue.

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| From a Lodge of Perfection, | strike out | \$8.00 | and insert | \$1.50. |
| “ Council of P.: of J.:, | “ | 2.00 | “ | 1.00. |
| “ Chapter of Rose Croix, | “ | 2.00 | “ | 1.00. |
| “ Consistory S.:P.:R.:S.:, | “ | 5.00 | “ | 2.50. |

Which was referred to Committee on Constitution and Laws.

On motion of Bro.: W. A. STEVENS, the Committee on Rituals were discharged from the further consideration of the resolution offered at last session relative to burial service.

Bro.: W. A. STEVENS offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved. That the Committee on Jurisprudence be requested to give the true interpretation of Article 35 of the Constitution, as to Honorary Members of the Supreme Council having the same rights and privileges as declared by that Article, and whether Honorary Members of this Supreme Council can be dealt with by Consistories, Chapters of Rose Croix, Councils of Princes of Jerusalem and Lodges of Perfection, for unmasonic conduct.

The General Session was called off, and the SUPREME COUNCIL went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

AUGUST 19, 1874, 4 P. M.

Ill.: WALTER A. STEVENS, of Illinois, nominated

Ill.: Princes JOHN CARSON SMITH, of Galena,
 JAMES S. McCALL, of Freeport,
 EDWIN POWELL, of Chicago,
 JOHN O'NEIL, " "
 JACOB W. SKINKLE, of Chicago,
 JAMES A. HAWLEY, of Dixon,
 THOMAS O. GANTT, of Peoria.

Ill.: GEORGE W. DEERING, of Maine, nominated

Ill.: Princes AURIN L. DRESSER, of Portland,
 CHARLES M. RICE, " "

Ill.: JOHN L. LEWIS, of New York, nominated

Ill.: Princes JOHN I. BENTLEY, of Hornellsville,
 JOHN C. ROBINSON, of Binghamton,
 JUDSON B. ANDREWS, of Utica,
 BENJAMIN F. STILES, of New York City.

Ill.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, of Mass., nominated

Ill.: Princes BENJAMIN A. GOULD, of Wollaston,
 HENRY P. PERKINS, of Lowell,
 WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, of Boston,
 HENRY ENDICOTT, of Cambridgeport.

By unanimous consent, the rule was suspended, and the Council proceeded to ballot, and the following Illustrious Princes were duly elected to the thirty-third degree:

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| JOHN CARSON SMITH, | BENJAMIN A. GOULD, |
| JAMES S. McCALL, | HENRY P. PERKINS, |
| EDWIN POWELL, | WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, |
| JOHN O'NEIL, | HENRY ENDICOTT, |
| JACOB W. SKINKLE, | CHARLES T. HILLS, |
| JAMES A. HAWLEY, | WARREN TUCKER, |
| THOMAS O. GANTT, | CHARLES E. BILLINGS, |
| JOHN I. BENTLEY, | GEORGE ESPY RIDGEWAY, |
| JOHN C. ROBINSON, | JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER, |
| JUDSON B. ANDREWS, | M. J. MACK, |
| BENJAMIN F. STILES, | GEORGE H. BURT. |

Action on nominations from Maine and Indiana was temporarily deferred on account of absence of a member from those States.

The Executive Session was closed, and the SUPREME COUNCIL was called off to assemble in General Session on Thursday at ten o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, August 20, 1874.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M.

Additional Active Members present:

Ill.: VINCENT L. HURLBUT, of Illinois,
" ALBERT G. GOODALL, of New York.

The minutes of Wednesday's transactions were read and approved.

As the majority of Committee on Jurisprudence were absent, Bro.: C. F. PAIGE moved that all matters now offered for the consideration of that committee be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The motion was adopted, and the Sov.: Grand Commander appointed Bro.: WILLIAM BARRETT, of the Committee on Jurisprudence, on the Committee on Constitution and Laws, in place of Bro.: A. T. METCALF, absent.

Bro.: GEORGE W. DEERING offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Rituals be instructed to revise the action of the Supreme Council with regard to the costume of the thirty-third grade, and define the entire costume and equipments of said grade.

Bro.: CHARLES WEBB, of Conn., made application for permission to renew his Oath of Fealty to this SUPREME COUNCIL, which was referred to Committee on Condition of the Rite.

Bro.: THOMAS A. DOYLE offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Rite:

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitution and Laws be and are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution as to require that no ballot shall be taken upon a nomina-

tion for the thirty-third degree on the same day the nomination is made, unless by unanimous consent.

Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS, of Committee on Decease of Members, asked permission to report to the Sov.: Grand Commander after the close of the session, which request was granted.

The Active Members were granted permission to report the death of Honorary Members in their Districts, to the Sov.: Grand Commander, after the close of this session.

Bro.: N. H. GOULD offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That each member entitled to pay of mileage and per diem, be and is now and henceforth entitled to pay for one day in coming to the session of the Supreme Council, and one day in returning from said meeting or meetings.

The resolution to amend Article 25 of Constitution, by reducing the dues of subordinate Bodies, was reported back by Bro.: LEWIS, of Committee on Constitutions, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bro.: N. H. GOULD, of Committee on Unfinished Business, presented a report and statement of the different subjects the committee had before them; a large portion of which had been, or would be, disposed of at this session. On motion, the report was received and ordered on file.

Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS suggested that in adopting design for Diploma of the thirty-third grade, sufficient space should be left to insert the date of receiving the grade.

Bro.: THOMAS R. AUSTIN, of Indiana, was excused from further attendance after this afternoon's session.

The Committee on the State of the Rite made the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee on the State of the Rite, to whom was referred several matters of interest, have had the same under careful consideration. It is a matter of sincere gratulation to find the general state of the Rite in so prosperous and healthy a condition throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction. Harmony prevails, love abounds, and a desirable emulation stimulates the action of the distinctive subordinate Orders in the happy progress they are so laudably making. The

zeal manifested in former years has lost nothing of force in the past year. It is now gradually developing itself in more perfectly equipping the several grades of the order; guarding its portals: selecting well its material, and enlarging its philanthropy. Every step taken tends in making more beautiful the moral structure of the man and in adorning the mason. The improvements are not only judicious and proper, but they are admirable and permanent. We are glad to learn that our own Supreme Body intends, at its next Annual Session, to lead the subordinates in this attractive branch of our ceremonials.

Among the many wise and appropriate suggestions coming up from the several Councils of Deliberation, is that from New York, seeking advice in regard to making stated intervals for study, upon conferring the several degrees, and in determining the number upon whom a degree may be conferred at any one time. While the committee believe that the interest of the Order would be greatly enhanced by an interval of some reasonable time elapsing before the following degree was imparted, certainly long enough for a candidate to become proficient in the degree he has taken, before acquiring the next in order, and that the crowding of too large a number of candidates into a degree at the same time, might mar the beauty of the degree and thus impede the healthful growth of the Body immediately interested, still these are matters which may more frequently be left to the good judgment of the several Bodies themselves. The propriety of this course obviously presents itself, upon considering how inadequate a general law would be in its endeavor to cover the various degrees, and the circumstances which often arise affecting those degrees and the position of the Body conferring them. A rigid, inflexible law might lead to very great embarrassment and subject the parties to unnecessary inconvenience. There is really no absolute necessity for the Council to interfere in this matter. It is the policy of the Council to protect the Order from improper encroachments and abuse of ritual or management, to elevate its moral standard and maintain its high social position and official dignity, with as little legislation affecting the proper independence of its subordinates as it is possible to do wisely and properly. These Bodies are respectively held to a strict accountability for their management and conduct. Some discretion, however, must be accorded to them, to insure their healthful growth to manhood and usefulness.

In this connection, we desire to express our approval of the position taken by the Council of Deliberation in Massachusetts, fixing the conditions upon which an initiate may enjoy the privilege of visiting the several Bodies within that District. Brethren of the several grades should belong to some body of the Rite, and if they do not, they cannot with any consistency, claim an unquestionable right to visit. There is no Constitutional provision preventing "Councils of Deliberation" from adopting regulations holding supervision over the members and Bodies of the Rite in their respective jurisdictions. The resolutions

here referred to, however, cannot impair in any degree the rights and privileges of a Grand Inspector General residing within the jurisdictional limits of that Council.

We fully concur with the Sov.: Gr.: Commander in the necessity of having a standing committee on Correspondence, as also in his recommendation that the resident Representatives of foreign jurisdictions transmit to him any matter of interest arising in those jurisdictions, to which the attention of this Council should be directed.

In regard to the petition of the Ill.: Brethren, asking to be permitted to sign the Oath of Fealty to this Supreme Council, the committee beg to say, that they have carefully investigated the circumstances under which the taking of that oath has been deferred, and have satisfied themselves that they are perfectly reasonable and consistent, and that the brethren are evidently entitled to the privilege.

As to the communication from the Cosmopolitan Consistory in New York, your committee report that there is sufficient power now vested in the Constitution to meet all the matters involved in the communication, and deem no action needed.

In view, in part, of the subject matter referred to in the foregoing, your committee would suggest the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to fix an interval of time between conferring the degrees in the several Orders by a constitutional provision, but earnestly recommend that the Council of Deliberation in the various Districts take such action in the matter as will best promote the interest of the Order in that particular.

Resolved, That the application of the Ill.: Brethren, BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, of Mass., ZENAS C. PRIEST, of New York, M. C. ALLEN and CHARLES WEBB, of Conn., and DAVID NAAR, of New Jersey, to take the Oath of Fealty to this Supreme Council be granted, whereupon their respective names shall be placed on the roll of Honorary Members with privileges of Honorary Members under our present Regulations.

Resolved, That the Constitution be amended by adding a "Committee on Correspondence," which shall consist of three members, to perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, to whom their report shall be made.

Resolved, That the resident Representatives of foreign masonic bodies, near this Supreme Council, report to the Sovereign Grand Commander at as early a period as possible before the annual meetings of the Council, such information of interest affecting the several jurisdictions they represent, as may come to their knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. EVANS,
JOSEPH H. HOUGH,
GEO. W. DEERING, } Committee.

The resolutions were taken up separately for action.

The *first* resolution, relative to renewal of "Oath of Fealty," was adopted.

The *second* resolution, relative to adding to list of Standing Committees a Committee "on Correspondence," was adopted by a "*Constitutional Vote*" of the Members of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

The *third* resolution, requiring resident Representatives of Foreign Masonic Bodies to report to the Grand Commander, was adopted.

On motion of Bro.: Wm. BARRETT, the resolution passed at session of 1872, directing the Gr.: Secretary General to furnish a printed register book to each of the Deputies, was rescinded.

Bro.: E. T. CARSON offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander be, and he is hereby authorized, to provide the necessary dresses, decorations and paraphernalia for conferring the thirty-third grade with full ceremonies; also that he be authorized to procure forty of the orders and collars of the thirty-third degree, as adopted for the use of the Officers and Active Members of this Supreme Council, to be and remain the property of the Supreme Council, and to be kept during the recess with the properties of the Supreme Council.

Resolved, That the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander be authorized to appoint some suitable person to take from the place of deposit such paraphernalia at each annual session of the Supreme Council, and carry them to the place of meeting; have charge of them during the session, and return them at the close of the session to the place of deposit, to the end that they may be carefully preserved and kept in proper order.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of invitations and suggestions as to time and place of holding sessions of this Supreme Council for 1875 and 1876, report partially, and ask further time to report in full.

Your Committee most respectfully recommend that the next Annual Session of this Supreme Council be held on the third Tuesday of August, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the City of Portland, Maine.

The report was received, the recommendation adopted, and the committee continued.

Bro.: F. A. BLADES, of Special Committee on charges against a member of this SUPREME COUNCIL, submitted a

full report, finding that there was no evidence to sustain the charges, which was received, and the finding of said committee was confirmed by this SUPREME COUNCIL.

[The Report, with all the documents, is placed in the Archives of the SUPREME COUNCIL.]

On motion of Bro.: DOYLE, the Committee on Finance were directed to allow for expenses of Special Committee during the investigation of this subject.

On motion of Bro.: CARTER, Bro.: GEORGE W. BENTLEY was excused for non-attendance at this session.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations rendered the following report, which was received and the resolutions adopted:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they approve the action of the Council of Deliberation for the State of Illinois, in recommending that the charters of Monmouth Lodge of Perfection, and Monmouth Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Monmouth, be surrendered; therefore

Resolved, That the charters of said Bodies are hereby revoked, and the Deputy of the District be instructed to obtain the same and forward them to the Gr.: Sec.: General of the Supreme Council, to be placed in the Archives.

Your Committee would also report:

That they fully agree with the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander in his recommendations that the dispensation of Shrewsbury Lodge of Perfection, at Shrewsbury, Pa., be recalled, inasmuch as the Brethren are in no condition to work under a charter; therefore

Resolved, That the Deputy of said District be instructed to obtain the same and forward it to the Grand Secretary General, to be placed in the Archives of this Supreme Council.

CHARLES W. CARTER, }
AARON KING, } Committee.

The General Session was then called off until 2:30 P. M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

AUGUST 20, 1874, 1 o'clock P. M.

Ill.: Princes DEWITT CLINTON CREGIER, of Chicago, Ill., and EUGENE D. BURT, of Providence, R. I., were nominated for the thirty-third grade.

Bro.: ORRIN WELCH moved that the time for conferring the thirty-third degree upon Ill.: Pr.: WM. E. LATHROP, of Rochester, be extended to the close of next Annual Session, which was referred to the Active Members of New York.

Executive Session closed.

AUGUST 20, 1874.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor in General Session at 2:30 P. M.

The Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Reports of Deputies and Councils of Deliberation respectfully report:

That they have examined the Reports of the Deputies for the following Masonic Districts: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, and also the transactions of the Councils of Deliberation for Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois, and your committee take great pleasure in stating that there appears to be a healthy and steady prosperity generally, prevading the jurisdiction.

Your committee deem it only necessary to call the attention of the Supreme Council to such matters as seem to require immediate action for the good of the Rite, in the several local jurisdictions respectively.

Rhode Island, represented by her accomplished Deputy, expressed satisfaction at the hope of establishing in that State a Masonic Hall for the exclusive use of the Rite; and in applauding the ambition of Connecticut in that respect, the Deputy aptly says:

“ That little boats must keep near shore,
While larger crafts may venture more,”

and thus we see the old axiom foreshadowed, “ before honor comes humility.”

The Rite in New Jersey is in a prosperous condition. This little State has made, during the past year, more than fifty S.: P.: R.: S.: Considering the population and territory, she may still be considered the banner State.

The Deputy for Michigan reports much activity at Detroit, and the establishment of a new hall for the Rite in that city, which is amply

provided with all useful properties, &c., for the rendering of the beautiful grades of our Order.

The several Bodies in the State of New York are progressing steadily with the work. A Council of Deliberation was held, at which the attendance was unusually large, and the proceedings highly interesting.

The establishment of a new and commodious hall at Indianapolis, Indiana, for the exclusive use of the Ancient Accepted Rite, with complete appointments, paraphernalia, etc., is an event that palpably attests the growing prosperity of the *Hauts Grades* in the great West.

In conclusion, your committee beg leave to felicitate the Supreme Council upon the general prosperity of the Rite in every part of the entire jurisdiction.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. BANKS,
THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
W. A. STEVENS,
H. S. GOODWIN,
WM. PARKMAN,

} Committee.

Bro.: D. BURNHAM TRACY was excused from further attendance after close of this afternoon's session.

The time for the Special Order having arrived, Ill.: Princes

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| CHARLES E. BILLINGS, | JOSEPH W. SMITH, |
| BENJAMIN F. STILES, | WILLIAM D. STRATTON, |
| WARREN TUCKER, | CHARLES KIMBALL, |
| GEORGE H. BURT, | HENRY ENDICOTT, |
| JOSEPH W. FELLOWS, | WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, |
| NATHANIEL F. BONSALL, | BENJAMIN A. GOULD, |

were introduced, and the thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon them in due form, and they were received and proclaimed Illustrious Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, and duly enrolled as Honorary Members of the SUPREME COUNCIL for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

BRO.: JOHN H. GEORGE was on motion excused from further attendance at this session.

BRO.: E. T. CARSON offered the following Preamble and Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws:

Whereas, The Ritualistic Ceremonies attending the creating of a Sovereign or Honorary Inspector General of the thirty-third degree, when fully rendered, are intended to be accompanied with appropriate music, and cannot be effectively conferred without this beautiful adjunct; and

Whereas, There is no one at present of this high grade in the Jurisdiction competent to preside at the organ and furnish such music as is required in the ceremonial, therefore be it

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed by the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, to report the name of some worthy and competent Prince of the Royal Secret of the thirty-second grade, to be created an Honorary Inspector General of the thirty-third degree, in order that he may be appointed Grand Organist of this Supreme Council.

And the Prince of the Royal Secret so selected and created, shall not be charged to the particular district in which he may reside, but to the Jurisdiction at large.

And the fee for conferring the grade shall be remitted to the Brother so elected.

The General Session was then called off until ten o'clock Friday morning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

AUGUST 20, 1874, 5 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the time for conferring the thirty-third degree upon

Ill.: Princes B. B. HILL, of Pennsylvania,
JOHN EVANS, of Pennsylvania,
JOHN A. HUTTON, of Indiana,
WILLIAM H. FOGG, " " and
WILLIAM E. LATHROP, of New York,

was extended until the close of next Annual Session.

The following Ill.: Princes were elected to receive the thirty-third degree:

CHARLES M. RICE, of Portland, Me.,
AURIN L. DRESSER, " " "
DEWITT C. CREGIER, of Illinois,
EUGENE D. BURT, of Rhode Island.

The Executive Session was adjourned until twelve o'clock m., on Friday, August 21, 1874.

FRIDAY, August 21, 1874.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor at ten o'clock A. M., the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander presiding.

Minutes of Thursday's transactions were read and approved.

The Grand Commander was obliged, on account of illness, to leave the Council chamber, and the Gr.: Lt.: Commander presided during the remainder of the session.

Bro.: C. F. PAIGE moved to reconsider that part of Bro.: CARSON's resolution passed at yesterday's session, authorizing the Grand Commander to procure forty Collars and Orders for the use of the Officers and Active members of this SUPREME COUNCIL.

The motion was adopted, and the resolution was reconsidered.

Bro.: W. S. GARDNER offered the following amendment:

Strike out "Forty of the Orders and Collars of the thirty-third degree, as adopted for the use of the Officers and Active Members of the Supreme Council," and insert "Proper Collars of the thirty-third degree, as adopted for the use of the Officers of this Supreme Council."

Bro.: PAIGE moved to amend further by adding, "The Grand Commander shall also procure seventy-five sashes, at a cost not to exceed five dollars each."

The amendments were adopted, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws submitted the following report, which was accepted:

The Standing Committee on Constitution and Laws, to which sundry matters hereinafter mentioned have been referred, respectfully report:

I. As to the resolution of Ill.: Bro.: EVANS, of New York, respecting the time of balloting for the Honorary grade of the thirty-third degree—

The committee do not recommend its passage. It is evidently designed by the Ill.: Brother as a safeguard against hasty and improvident action in the matter, and hence its design is highly commendable. But the committee fail to see how it effects the object, in view of the practical manner in which the nominations are made. If the proposed

recipient of the grade be worthy, he should not thus be delayed; and if unworthy, he should not be named at all. But the year's delay will not, as a practical fact, demonstrate the matter more fully, either in one way or the other. An Active Member of this Supreme Council may be presumed to act with common fairness and prudence in such a matter without being hedged around by regulations.

II. As to the resolution of Ill.: Bro.: DOYLE, of Rhode Island, requiring unanimous consent for a suspension of the rules, so as to permit a ballot for applicants for the thirty-third grade at the same session as nominated, we favor its adoption, as conservative of the rights of all the members of the Supreme Council, and therefore recommend an amendment to the second standing resolution, adopted in 1871, and found on page 90 of the transactions of that year, by adding to the resolution, after the word "service" in the third line, as follows:

"And this regulation shall not be changed or suspended, except by unanimous consent."

III. As to the proposition of Ill.: Bro.: GOODWIN, of Pa., respecting the time of making reports by Subordinate Bodies to the Deputy, we respectfully recommend that Article 38 of the Constitution be amended by adding at the end thereof, the following words: "and shall be transmitted to the Deputy within ten days thereafter."

IV. As to the resolution of Ill.: Bro.: STEVENS, of Ill., which presents two important subjects:

1. The Rights and Privileges of Inspectors General, and
2. By whom they may be disciplined:

As the temporary substitute for the able Standing Committee on Jurisprudence, by a vote of the Supreme Council, we might, perhaps, with propriety, decline an expression of opinion upon the matters referred. It is the duty of this committee only to pass upon the expediency of proposed amendments to the written Constitution and Laws, and if need be, put them in proper form.

They were not supposed, when they were appointed, to be gifted with that knowledge of the unwritten law, which would enable them to determine matters of this kind. In deference to the Supreme Council which has required action at our hands, we may comply at least in this instance, without intrusion.

As to the first proposition, we are decidedly of the opinion that the peculiar rights, powers and prerogatives of Sovereign Inspectors General as to manner of reception in and presiding over subordinate Bodies, can only be rightfully claimed and exercised by the Active Members of the Supreme Council, who are the only lineal successors and representatives of the Inspectors General named in the Ancient Constitutions. With respect to these peculiar rights and privileges, Honorary Members of the Supreme Council are but "heirs apparent," who have not yet entered into the full fruition of the expected inheritance.

As to the second proposition, we are of opinion that it is a settled principle of masonic law, that a Brother may claim the right of trial by his peers, and that hence any one who has attained the thirty-third grade, may, for an offense involving his rights in such grade, or when charged with a violation of masonic laws involving the duties and principles of that grade, claim such a trial, and must therefore be tried by this Supreme Council, opened in the proper degree for that purpose; but we are equally clear and positive in the opinion, that when the charge is for unmasonic conduct, he may be tried and disciplined by any Lodge of Master Masons having jurisdiction of the offense and the offender. The high honors of an Inspector General were intended as a reward for merit and services, and may not and cannot be perverted into a shield and bulwark against the meting out of condign and appropriate justice. The foundation of every masonic right, duty or privilege is based upon his relations as a Master Mason; and it would be absurd to say that we may hold masonic communication with him as a S.: P.: R.: S.:, and yet be forbidden to associate with him in a Lodge of Perfection, of which the Master's Lodge of the York Rite is the accepted and acknowledged substitute for the third degree.

But it may be objected, how can he be tried by his peers in a Master's Lodge, if he chances to be a S.: G.: I.: G.:? The answer is, that the principle of trial by peers is relative and not absolute. If the offense be one for which he should be subject to discipline in any grade to which he has attained; for instance, such as a violation of the moral law, he is subject to discipline by a tribunal of his peers in a body of each and every one of the grades. But such action should be approved and confirmed by the body of the highest grade to which he has attained, before it should affect him in such grade; and it should not be so confirmed except in case of a clearly established infraction of the moral or fundamental masonic law. Were it not so, it would be in the power of Lodges of Perfection to dissolve this Council by disciplining and suspending every member of it, for some infraction of an insignificant by-law.

The committee have perhaps here gone farther than was needed in the explanation of their views of this rule. And it has so done, that its views might not be misunderstood; for if there be any technical rule in masonry, by which the wrong-doer can escape the penalty of his misdeeds willfully, we denounce and spurn it now and henceforth. Happily we may add that we have never so discovered in the principles of masonic law as we understand them.

To this committee has also been referred the several decisions of the Sov.: Grand Commander. Flattered as the committee feel by such a distinguished mark of confidence, we are nevertheless constrained to ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject at this late period of the session, as their importance demands more time for

consideration than we are enabled to give, divided as we are in opinion upon some of the questions involved.

Respectfully submitted,

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| JOHN L. LEWIS, | } | Committee. |
| THOMAS A. DOYLE, | | |
| WILLIAM BARRETT, | | |
| ROBERT H. FOSS, | | |
| WILLIAM S. GARDNER, | | |

THOMAS J. CORSON,

On motion of Bro.: DOYLE, the decisions of the Sov.: Grand Commander were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Bro.: W. S. GARDNER offered the following amendment to Article 31 of Constitution, and moved that the same be printed with Proceedings of this Session, and action thereon be deferred until next Annual Session. Which motion was adopted:

To amend Article 31 of Constitution, strike out second sentence and insert:

“Active and *Emeritus* members of the Supreme Council shall not be tried for any offense upon charges outside of the Supreme Council.

“Charges against an Active or *Emeritus* member of the Supreme Council, made in any Lodge, Council, Chapter or Consistory of the A.: A.: S.: Rite, shall forthwith be transmitted to the Grand Commander, who shall lay the same before the Council in Executive Session, and such order and proceeding thereon shall be taken as the Sov.: Grand Commander in such session shall determine.

“Honorary members, Inspectors General of the Supreme Council, may be tried in any Lodge, Council, Chapter or Consistory of the A.: A.: S.: Rite, but no conviction or sentence passed therein against such member shall take effect until confirmed by the Supreme Council.

“A conviction or sentence against a member of the A.: A.: S.: Rite in any Lodge, Council, Chapter or Consistory, shall have full force and effect in all the Bodies of the Rite, except as herein otherwise provided.

“Any Brother convicted or sentenced in any Lodge, Council, Chapter or Consistory, may appeal therefrom to the Supreme Council.”

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report, which was received and recommendations adopted:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would recommend that Dispensations be granted to Brothers CHARLES SKIFF, 32°, and nine others, to form and open a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and also a

Chapter of Rose Croix, D-H-R-D-M, each to be located in the Valley of New Haven, State of Connecticut, under the name and title of _____ Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and _____ Chapter of Rose Croix.

CHARLES W. CARTER, } Committee.
AARON KING,

Ill.: Bro.: JOHN L. LEWIS, of Committee on Constitutions, stated that the committee had not had opportunity of getting together and comparing notes relative to preparing a condensed report of Constitutional amendments and regulations of the SUPREME COUNCIL, and asked further time.

On motion of Bro.: DOYLE, the request was granted, and the committee were authorized to prepare and print the resolutions, regulations and amendments, and distribute the same to the members.

On motion of Bro.: GOODWIN, the conferring of the thirty-third degree was made the special order for 2:30 P. M.

The General Session was then called off until two o'clock P. M. '

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

AUGUST 21, 1874, 1 o'clock P. M.

The SUPREME COUNCIL proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Permanent Fund, which resulted as follows:

- Ill.: HENRY L. PALMER, of Wisconsin, was elected for one year.
- " WILLIAM S. GARDNER, of Massachusetts, was elected for two years.
- " VINCENT L. HURLBUT, of Illinois, was elected for three years.
- " SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, of Massachusetts, was elected for four years.
- " R. M. C. GRAHAM, of New York, was elected for five years.

The Executive Session was then closed.

The SUPREME COUNCIL resumed labor in General Session at two o'clock P. M.

On motion of Bro.: CLINTON F. PAIGE, Article 48 of Constitution was continued until next Annual Session.

On motion of Bro.: GOULD, the Committee on Jurisprudence were granted permission to report on all matters left in their hands at the next Annual Session.

On motion of Bro.: CLINTON F. PAIGE, the Sov.: Grand Commander was authorized to have the diploma of the thirty-third degree engraved on *steel* or *lithographed*, as he may deem best.

On motion of Bro.: CARTER, the Special Committee on time and place of meeting of the SUPREME COUNCIL, were continued until next Annual Session.

Bro.: A. G. GOODALL offered the following preamble and resolution, which were received and adopted:

Whereas, Some years since, when the Supreme Council was not in correspondence with all Foreign Grand Bodies of the Rite, it was deemed expedient to accredit a member of this Body as its General Foreign Grand Representative, and,

Whereas, Inasmuch as we are now in amity with all the regular Supreme Councils of the world, the question of expediency no longer exists, as the regular usage recognized by all Bodies of the Rite should be observed, and resident representatives near each Body in correspondence with this Supreme Council be appointed; therefore,

Resolved, That the said appointment of General Foreign Grand Representative is hereby revoked, and that the patent be cancelled.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and laid on the table until the next Annual Session:

The Committee on Jurisprudence report: That they approve of the second decision of the Sov.: Grand Commander relating to conferring the thirty-third degree, communicated in his annual report. The *first*, *third* and *fourth* points they think should be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws, as your committee think they are rather suggestive of new legislation than constructions of existing laws.

CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, *Chairman, for Committee.*

Bro.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE presented the following report of Committee on Finance, which was accepted, and the resolutions, recommendations and amendments to the Constitution therein contained, were severally adopted:

BOSTON, Aug. 21, 1874.

To the Supreme Council of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors General for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.:

The Committee on Finance have audited the accounts* of the Grand Secretary General from Nov. 14, 1873, to July 31, 1874, inclusive, and find the receipts correctly reported as follows:

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| Dues of Subordinate Bodies as per returns of 1874,..... | \$ 874.00 |
| " " " " for previous years,..... | 192.00 |
| Fees for the thirty-third degree,..... | 300.00 |
| For 187 parchment diplomas,..... | 685.00 |
| " 80 bristol-board " | 320.00 |
| " 4 bank-note " | 16.00 |
| " 80 certificates of membership,..... | 80.00 |
| " 5 dispensations,..... | 250.00 |

Total received,..... \$2,717.00

Of which amount there were paid to the Gr.: Treasurer
General, Heman Ely:

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| Nov. 14, 1873,..... | \$ 575.00 |
| Jan. 29, 1874,..... | 89.00 |
| March 26, 1874,..... | 237.00 |
| May 1, 1874,..... | 233.59 |
| June 1, " | 504.00 |
| July 1, " | 145.00 |
| July 31, " | 958.00 |

Total remitted,..... \$2,686.59

Protested check † in the hands of the Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:, 30.41

Total,..... \$2,717.00

The committee have examined the account of the Grand Treasurer General, HEMAN ELY, have compared the same with the vouchers which have been duly approved, and have found it correct.

A synopsis of this account is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1873.

| | |
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| Nov. 1. Balance on hand (Proceedings of 1873, p. 85),.... | \$ 5,045.46 |
| 13. Cash from Daniel Sickles, Gr.: Secretary Gen.:, 1,300.00 | |
| 14. " " " " " " " " ... 186.00 | |
| " " Clinton F. Paige,..... 575.00 | |
| 21. " returned by H. Stanley Goodwin for one day's per diem, paid him in excess of at- tendance at the session of 1873,.... 4.00 | |

*As the Finance Committee give full abstracts of the reports of the Grand Secretary General and Grand Treasurer General, the publication of those reports in detail is omitted.

† Since paid.

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| 1874. | | | |
| Feb. 2. | Cash from Clinton F. Paige, Gr.: Secretary Gen.:, | \$ 39.00 | |
| Mar. 16. | " " D. Burnham Tracy, Deputy for Michigan, for dues of Bodies as per returns of 1874,..... | 275.00 | |
| 26. | " " Clinton F. Paige, Gr.: Secretary Gen.:, | 237.00 | |
| April 15. | Dividend of 4 per cent. on 100 shares of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Co.,..... | 400.00 | |
| May 6. | Cash from Clinton F. Paige, Gr.: Secretary Gen.:, | 238.59 | |
| June 2. | " " " " " " " " | 504.00 | |
| July 14. | " " " " " " " " | 145.00 | |
| 24. | " " Charles W. Carter, Deputy for Connecticut, for dues of Bodies as per returns of 1874,..... | 473.00 | |
| Aug. 4. | " " Clinton F. Paige, Gr.: Secretary Gen.:, | 79.00 | |
| | " " " " " " " for dues of Bodies in Vermont,.... | 179.00 | |
| | " " Clinton F. Paige, Gr.: Secretary General, for dues of Bodies in New Jersey, | 695.00 | |
| | " " George W. Deering, Deputy for Maine, for dues of Bodies as per returns of 1874,..... | 118.00 | |
| | " " Anthony E. Stocker, Deputy for Pennsylvania, for dues of Bodies as per returns of 1874, \$1,042, for dispensation \$50, and for 6 parchment and 7 bristol-board diplomas \$58,..... | 1,150.00 | |
| | " " Samuel C. Lawrence, Deputy for Massachusetts, for dues of Bodies as per returns of 1874,.... | 813.00 | |
| | Total received,..... | \$12,451.05 | |

EXPENDITURES.

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| 1873. | | | |
| Nov. 14. | Cash paid members for mileage and per diem, as per pay roll of Nov. 14, 1873,.... | \$ 2,586.24 | |
| " " | A. P. Moriarty, for engrossing and framing a resolution of thanks to Kane Lodge,..... | 100.00 | |
| " " | Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for one year's rent to Oct. 1, 1873,..... | 125.00 | |
| " " | Oriental Consistory, donation towards defraying expenses incurred in behalf of the Supreme Council at the session 1873,..... | 100.00 | |

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| Nov. 14. | Cash paid J. H. Drummond, for printing, ex- pressage, postage, etc., | \$ 28.05 |
| | “ “ Daniel Sickels, for expressage and postage,..... | 159.15 |
| | “ “ A. G. Goodall, for postage on official communications to foreign Grand Bodies,..... | 28.00 |
| | “ “ Subordinate officers as per appropria- tion (Proceedings of 1873, p. 86), .. | 854.96 |
| | “ “ Allowances to Deputies as per resolu- tion adopted Nov. 17, 1871,..... | 260.00 |
| | “ “ W. F. Wentworth, for refreshments, provided at the session of November, 1873,..... | 620.25 |
| 18. | “ “ Robert Clarke & Co., for printing ritual,..... | 80.50 |
| | “ “ Wrightson & Co. for printing ritual, .. | 14.50 |
| 1874. | | |
| Feb. 2. | “ “ A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter ending December 31, 1873, | 250.00 |
| 6. | “ “ Clinton F. Paige, for contingent fund for the Gr.: Secretary General,.... | 800.00 |
| 9. | “ “ Stephen Berry, for printing 8,000 copies of the constitutions and 1,000 balus- tries,..... | 275.19 |
| 25. | “ “ The American Steam Safe Co., for a safe for Gr.: Sec.: General's office (Proceedings of 1873, p. 95), | 520.00 |
| Mar. 9. | “ “ Stephen Berry, for printing 1,500 copies of proceedings of 1873,..... | 730.23 |
| 81. | “ “ A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter end- ing March 31, 1873,..... | 250.00 |
| May 18. | “ “ Varnum, Turney & Harison, for ex- amining records and drawing deed, etc., of estate in Brooklyn, N. Y.,... | 64.50 |
| June 30. | “ “ A. P. Moriarty, salary for quarter end- ing June 30, 1874,..... | 250.00 |
| July 3. | “ “ E. Williams, for an Emeritus member's jewel for Hopkins Thomson,..... | 81.85 |
| 6. | “ “ Anderson, Archer & Co., for 200 mo- rocco tucks for diplomas,..... | 48.00 |
| | “ “ A. P. Moriarty, for a sample uniform of a S.: P.: R.: S.: 32°,..... | 39.27 |
| July 9. | “ “ Kennard & Hay, for 120 parchment di- plomas, 200 bristol-board diplomas, summons, etc., .. | 198.81 |
| | Total expended,..... | \$ 7,414.50 |

1874.

Aug. 17. Balance on hand,..... \$ 5,036.55

Your committee respectfully recommend the payment of the following claims :

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| Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for one year's rent to Oct. 1, 1874, | \$ 125.00 |
| Josiah H. Drummond, for printing, expressage and postage, Frank E. Jones, for refreshments provided at the session of August, 1874,..... | 21.90 415.21 |
| Marquis F. King, Marshal of the Camp, mileage,..... | 8.64 |
| Charles Bechtel, " " " " | 23.36 |
| J. P. C. Cottrill, " " " " | 100.64 |
| A. P. Moriarty, Grand Secretary's Assistant, mileage,..... | 18.72 |
| Charles H. Titus, for services as clerk of Committee on Finance,..... | 10.00 |
| Benjamin F. Nourse, for services and expenses incurred as Grand Seneschal,..... | 23.00 |
| Frank E. Jones, Superintendent of Masonic Temple, for extra work,..... | 20.00 |
| Josiah H. Drummond, for cash paid for copying Records for Reprint,..... | 65.00 |
| Stephen Berry, for printing 1,000 copies, pp. 144, of Reprint of Supreme Council Proceedings,..... | 262.30 |
| Stephen Berry, for printing circulars and balusters,..... | 23.58 |
| Committee of Investigation, expenses at Chicago Dec. 26, 1873, as per bills rendered, | 133.06 |
| Parker House, for use of Headquarters for the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, | 78.65 |
| Clinton F. Paige, for expenses incurred as Gr.: Secretary General, | 300.00 |
| Robert B. Folger, for collating and transcribing the early records of the Cerneau Council,..... | 200.00 |
| Total,..... | \$1,829.06 |

The committee recommend that the present regulation adopted in November, 1871, establishing the salary of the Grand Secretary General's assistant, be repealed, and that, in lieu thereof, the following resolution be adopted as a standing regulation:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer General be authorized to pay, on the order of the Grand Secretary General, the sum of one hundred dollars per month, dating from July 1, 1874, as a salary to the Illustrious Brother whom the Grand Secretary General may appoint as an assistant in the performance of his official duties.

Your committee have duly considered the portion of the address of the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, relating to the Secretariat, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution as a standing regulation :

Resolved, That the Sov.: Grand Commander be authorized to draw from time to time, from the Treasury, such amounts as he may find requisite to supply the Grand Secretary General with a contingent fund ample for the payment of the incidental expenses of the Secretariat.

Of the contingent fund of \$300 placed in the hands of the Gr.: Secretary General, the committee find that he has legitimately expended for the incidental expenses of his office \$216.55. The balance of the fund in his hands is \$83.45.

The proposed amendment of Article 25 of the Constitutions, reducing the fees payable to the Supreme Council by the subordinate Bodies for initiates of the Rite, does not meet the approval of the Committee on Finance, for its adoption would diminish, to the extent of one-half, the entire receipts of the Council from the fees of initiates. The established fees are equitable and in harmony with the minimum rates for conferring the degrees, and your committee regard any diminution at present as disastrous to the financial interests of the Supreme Council.

The adoption of the proposition to entitle the members to additional pay for one day in coming to each session of the Supreme Council, and for one day in returning home, would in reality effect the double payment of the members for services on those days, because the mileage has been gradually increased, until at present it covers not only the actual expense of fares, but also leaves a large and ample margin for meeting the contingent expenses of the journey. As several other valid reasons also militate against the adoption of the proposition under consideration, your committee recommend no further action on this subject.

Your committee believe that in the transmission of dues by the Deputies, a return to the usual masonic method is desirable, and recommend the amendment of Article 7 of the Constitutions, in such a manner that the last clause but one shall read as follows:

"He shall receive all moneys due the Supreme Council; shall report in detail on the first day of each month, to the Sov.: Grand Commander, and at the Annual Session, to the Supreme Council; and shall, at the time of making such report, pay all moneys in his hands to the Grand Treasurer General."

The holding of the sessions of the Supreme Council in the month of August, necessitates a change in the time of transmitting the returns, in order to insure their reception previous to the sessions, and your committee earnestly recommend such an amendment of Article 33, that the fourth and fifth paragraphs shall read as follows:

"The returns to both officers above mentioned shall be made by the tenth day of July in each year.

"The Deputy of the District shall make his return and pay over the dues of the subordinate Bodies by the first day of August in each year."

Your committee, for the reason just stated, also recommend an amendment of Article 28, so that the last clause shall read as follows:

"They shall collect all dues from the various Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in their respective jurisdictions, and on or before the first day of August in each year forward the same, with a detailed statement thereof, to the Grand Secretary General."

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The dispensation of Shrewsbury Lodge of Perfection having been revoked, the committee recommend the remission of its dues for the past term, viz : \$5.

The committee recommend that the dues of Cyrus Council, \$10, and of Moriah Lodge of Perfection, \$10, be remitted, and that the charters of those Bodies in Michigan be immediately revoked.

Your committee recommend that the charters of Lafayette Consistory, Chapter, Council, and Lodge of Perfection, of Indiana, be revoked, unless their dues be severally paid within six months, and that the Grand Secretary General be hereby instructed to so notify them.

Aurora Grata Consistory, Chapter and Council are in arrears for the dues of four or five years, and as the continuance of this delinquency will prove destructive of discipline, your committee are forced to urgently recommend that, unless these Bodies pay their dues before the 1st of next March, their charters shall be revoked, and that the Grand Secretary General be hereby instructed to promptly notify them to this effect.

The following tabular statement shows the receipts of dues from the subordinate Bodies during the term ending June 30, 1874 :

| State. | Amount paid. | Amount due. | No returns. |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Maine,..... | \$ 118 | ..... | ..... |
| New Hampshire,..... | 70 | ..... | ..... |
| Vermont,..... | 179 | ..... | ..... |
| Massachusetts,..... | 813 | ..... |  |
| Rhode Island,..... | | \$ 103* | 1 Body. |
| Connecticut,..... | 473 | ..... |  |
| New York,..... | 2,098 | 881 | 9 Bodies. |
| New Jersey,..... | 695 | 36 | ..... |
| Pennsylvania,..... | 1,042 | ..... |  |
| Ohio,..... | 958 | 10 | 2 Bodies. |
| Indiana,..... | 497 | 80 | 8 " |
| Illinois,..... | 897 | 64 | 4 " |
| Michigan,..... | 826 | 496 | 9 " |
| Wisconsin,..... | 184 | 15† | 3 " |
| | \$7,800 | \$1,575 | 36 Bodies. |

* Of this amount \$98.00 have been paid.

† Paid Aug. 21, 1874.

The dues remaining unpaid Aug. 20, 1874, are as follows:

RHODE ISLAND.

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| Rhode Island Lodge of Perfection, 1874, no returns, | \$5 |
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NEW JERSEY.

| | 1872 | 1873. | |
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| Newark Chapter,..... | | 5 | \$5 |
| " Council,..... | 26 | 5 | 31 |
| | | | <hr/> \$36 |

NEW YORK.

| | 1869. | 1870. | 1871. | 1872. | 1873. | 1874. | |
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| Aurora Grata Consist'y, 90 | 35 | | 80 | 140 | 170 | | \$465 |
| " " Chapter, .. | | 27‡ | 13‡ | 84‡ | 28‡ | | 97 |
| " " Council, .. | | 56 | 17 | 88 | 89 | | 150 |
| " " L. of P., .. | | | | | 59 | | 59 |
| Otseningo Consistory, .. | | | | | 5 | No returns. | 5 |
| " " Chapter, | | | | | 5 | " " | 5 |
| " " Council, | | | | | 5 | " " | 5 |
| " " L. of P.,.... | | | | | 5 | " " | 5 |
| Chenango Valley L. of P. | | | | 5 | 5 | " " | 10 |
| Norwich Chapter, | | | | 5 | 5 | " " | 10 |
| " " Council, | | | | 5 | 5 | " " | 10 |
| Adonai L. of P., * | | | | 5 | " " | | 5 |
| Ya-nun-da-sis L. of P†, .. | | | | 5 | " " | | 5 |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> \$881 |

INDIANA.

| | 1872. | 1873. | 1874. | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Lafayette Consistory, .. | 5 | 5 | 5 | No returns. |
| " " Chapter, .. | 5 | 5 | 5 | " " |
| " " Council, | 5 | 5 | 5 | " " |
| " " L. of P., ... | 5 | 5 | 5 | " " |
| Ft. Wayne Consistory, .. | | | 5‡ | " " |
| " " Chapter, ... | | | 5‡ | " " |
| " " Council, | | | 5‡ | " " |
| " " L. of P.,... | | | 5‡ | " " |
| | | | | <hr/> \$ 80 |

OHIO.

| | 1874. | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Cambridge Council, | 5 | No returns. |
| " L. of P.,..... | 5 | " " |
| | | <hr/> \$ 10 |

*Returns made since session, showing dues to be \$9.00, which remain unpaid.

†Returns made (at initiates) and dues (\$68.00) paid since session.

‡ Paid since the session.

ILLINOIS.

| | | |
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| Quincy Consistory,..... | 1874. | \$ 15 |
| " Chapter,..... | " | 9 |
| " Council,..... | " | 9 |
| " L. of P.,..... | " | 11 |
| Peoria Consistory,..... | " No returns. | 5 |
| " Chapter,..... | " " | 5 |
| " Council,..... | " " | 5 |
| Central City L. of P., | " " | 5 |
| | | \$ 64 |

MICHIGAN.

| | | |
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| Michigan Consistory,..... | 1874. | \$160 |
| Mt. Olivet Chapter,..... | " | 67 |
| Carson Council,..... | " | 69 |
| " L. of P., | " | 95 |
| DeWitt Clinton Consistory,..... | " No returns. | 5 |
| Robinson Chapter,..... | " " | 5 |
| Kalamazoo Council,..... | " " | 5 |
| Brownell L. of P.,..... | " " | 5 |
| Allegan L. of P.,..... | " " | 5 |
| Jackson Consistory,..... | " " | 5 |
| " Chapter,..... | " " | 5 |
| " Council,..... | " " | 5 |
| " L. of P.,..... | " " | 5 |
| | | \$436 |

WISCONSIN.

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| *Fort Winnebago Chapter,..... | 1874. No returns. | \$ 5 |
| * " " Council,..... | " " | 5 |
| * " " L. of P.,..... | " " | 5 |
| | | \$ 15 |

Since the date of his annual report, July 31, 1874, CLINTON F. PAIGE, Gr.: Secretary Gen.:, has received from various Bodies dues to the amount of \$1,440, and from initiates of the thirty-third degree fees amounting to \$1,800, which sums have been paid into the Treasury.

The Gr.: Treasurer Gen.: has received since making his report the following amounts:

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| From the Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:, dues of subordinate Bodies,.... | \$ 1,440.00 |
| " " " fees for the thirty-third degree,.. | 1,800.00 |
| " Deputies, dues of subordinate Bodies,..... | 2,487.00 |
| Total, | \$ 5,727.00 |
| Balance in the Treasury, as per report of Aug. 17,..... | 5,086.55 |
| Total in the Treasury,..... | \$10,763.55 |

*Paid August 21, 1874.

The committee have prepared a pay roll of the members, in accordance with the standing regulation adopted Nov. 14, 1873, amounting to \$2,264.04, and a roll of allowances to the Deputies, amounting to \$280, as per resolution adopted Nov. 17, 1871. With the payment of these amounts and of the several claims herein recommended for payment, amounting to \$1,829.06, there will remain in the Treasury at the close of the session \$6,390.45, which balance is \$415.47 less than the amount of \$6,805.92, accrued during the past two years, and due the permanent fund under the standing regulation re-adopted Nov. 14, 1873.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM,
RUFUS W. LANDON, } Committee.

On motion, the dispensation of Vermont Consistory, at Burlington, Vermont, was continued; and they were authorized to work under the same until their charter could be prepared.

On motion of Bro.: DOYLE, it was

Ordered, That no further business be introduced at this session after conferring the thirty-third grade.

The Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

ON THE GENERAL STATE OF THE RITE,

- Ill.: JOSEPH D. EVANS,
“ GEORGE W. DEERING,
“ JOSEPH H. HOUGH.

ON RITUALS AND RITUALISTIC MATTER,

- Ill.: ENOCH T. CARSON,
“ VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
“ ALVIN B. ALDEN,
“ CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ D. BURNHAM TRACY,
“ ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON,
“ WILLIAM R. HIGBY,
“ H. STANLEY GOODWIN,
“ ORRIN WELCH.

ON CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS,

- Ill.: HENRY L. PALMER,
“ CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
“ JOHN L. LEWIS,
“ WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
“ THOMAS A. DOYLE,

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- III.: HOSMER A. JOHNSON,
 " THOMAS J. CORSON,
 " ROBERT H. FOSS,
 " ABRAHAM T. METCALF,
 " JOHN H. GEORGE.

ON FINANCE,

- III.: SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
 " ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM,
 " RUFUS W. LANDON.

ON JURISPRUDENCE,

- III.: CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
 " JOHN CAVEN,
 " WILLIAM BARRETT,
 " BENJAMIN DEAN,
 " ANTHONY E. STOCKER.

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS,

- III.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, *ex officio*,
 " ALBERT G. GOODALL,
 " JOHN W. SIMONS.

ON COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION AND REPORTS OF DEPUTIES,

- III.: HENRY C. BANKS,
 " THOMAS R. AUSTIN,
 " WALTER A. STEVENS,
 " H. STANLEY GOODWIN,
 " WILLIAM PARKMAN.

ON DECEASE OF MEMBERS,

- III.: FRANCIS A. BLADES,
 " WINSLOW LEWIS,
 " CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP.

ON RETURNS,

- III.: CLINTON F. PAIGE,
 " DANIEL SICKELS,
 " JOHN SHEVILLE.

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS,

- III.: CHARLES W. CARTER,
 " WILLIAM P. PREBLE,
 " AARON KING.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS,

- III.: NATHAN H. GOULD,
 " RICHARD M. BARKER,
 " GEORGE W. BENTLEY.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE,

Ill.: JOHN W. SIMONS,
 " CLINTON F. PAIGE,
 " GEORGE W. DEERING.

Ill.: Princes

JOHN C. ROBINSON,
 GEORGE E. RIDGEWAY,
 JAMES S. BARBER, and
 EUGENE D. BURT,

were introduced and the thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon them in due form, and they were received and proclaimed as Illustrious Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, and duly enrolled as Honorary Members of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

There being no further business to be brought before the SUPREME COUNCIL at this session, the Grand Prior, Ill.: CHARLES H. TITUS, addressed the Throne of Grace; and the SUPREME COUNCIL was closed in due form, and with the Sacred Numbers, to assemble again in Annual Session at the city of Portland, Maine, on the third Tuesday of August, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M.



JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,



Sov.: Gr.: Com.:

[L. S.]



CLINTON F. PAIGE, 33°,

G.: Sec.: Gen.: H. E.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES;

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE;

OBITUARY RECORD;

TABLEAU, &c.

REPORTS OF Deputies of the Supreme Council.

MAINE.

PORTRLAND, MAINE, August 1, 1874.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of thirty-third and last degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America :

In the District of Maine for the past year the progress of the Rite has been satisfactory. There has been an increasing interest, I think, upon the part of the members of all the Bodies, manifested by a disposition for a thorough organization, a better and more complete rendering of the work, and a discouragement of the too rapid advancement of candidates.

There has been no application to me during the past year for dispensations to receive applications or confer degrees out of time. I regard this as an evidence that the officers of the different Bodies are satisfied that it is better that all candidates should comply with the regulations, and that by so doing we are less liable to admit the unworthy.

The amount of work during the past year has been moderate, but the character of the initiates shows that the standard has been kept high.

The work has been as follows :

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| Yates Lodge of Perfection,..... | 10 | Initiates. |
| Portland Council Princes of Jerusalem,.... | 18 | " |
| Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix,..... | 6 | " |
| Maine Consistory,..... | 6 | " |

The dues for the above, amounting to \$118, have been collected by me and forwarded to the Grand Treasurer General.

We have much yet to accomplish, in the way of working more of the degrees in full, which is greatly to be desired, but I look to see this

brought about gradually, as we increase in numbers and means. At present our numbers are comparatively few and our means limited.

A Council of Deliberation was convened in this city on the 29th of May, which was numerously attended, and a copy of the Proceedings is herewith presented.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DEERING, 33°,

Deputy for Maine.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Illustrious JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the A. A. Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

As Deputy for the District of New Hampshire, I have the honor to submit my Annual Report for the year 1873-4.

The several Bodies in this Jurisdiction have made their Annual Returns and forwarded them to me, with the dues to the Supreme Council, which I have forwarded to the Secretary General at New York, as will be seen from the Returns. There has not been any work during the past year, but the Bodies are in good order, well officered, and a spirit of harmony and fraternity prevails among the Brethren.

Herewith I transmit to you the dispensation and other papers of Winslow Lewis Lodge of Perfection, formerly located at Manchester, but which ceased to exist, its former members having united with the members of Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection, located at Nashua.

I have not as yet called a Council of Deliberation for the District the present year, but shall do so at an early day, that measures may be adopted to revive the zeal and fervor which formerly characterized the members of the Rite in this Jurisdiction.

There have been but three deaths of members of the A. A. Scottish Rite during the past year, Ill.: Bro.: JAMES S. CHENEY, 32°, of Manchester; Ill.: Bros.: DAVID A. G. WARREN, 32°, and FRANKLIN MUROW, 32°, of Nashua.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON KING, 33°,

Deputy for New Hampshire.

VERMONT.

*To Ill.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander
of the Supreme Council, A.: A.: S.: Rite, Northern Masonic Juris-
diction of United States.*

Having received the appointment of Special Deputy for Vermont, I have the honor of submitting the first annual report, emanating from the "Green Mountain State," of the several masonic Bodies working in this District under the authority of the Supreme Council of the N.: M.: Jurisdiction of the U. S.

The general condition of the Rite throughout the District is healthy, and gives good promise for the future; but, commercial depression and consequent stringency in the money market prevented many Brethren, who were desirous of joining our ranks, from enrolling themselves during the past year; the amount of work done, however, is all that could have been expected, and most encouraging under the circumstances, as will more readily appear from a perusal of the returns forwarded to the Ill.: Sec.: General, accompanying which I transmitted amount of fees due the Supreme Council, as per schedule herewith.

It gives me great pleasure to report a lively and growing interest in the Accepted Rite throughout the State of Vermont; which is due in a great measure to the establishment of the three higher Bodies in the Valley of Burlington, where renewed efforts have been successfully put forth to promote the prosperity of the Order. Many members have gone forth to other parts of the State, bearing with them a due sense of the worth and beauty of the Rite, which they have made known to others, and kindled in their breasts a desire to attach themselves to our beautiful Order.

Charters having been granted to "Joseph W. Roby" Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and "Delta" Chapter of Rose Croix, those Bodies were duly constituted and their officers elected and installed—the former December 12, 1873; the latter November 21, 1873.

A renewal of dispensation was granted to "Vermont" Consistory, bearing date December 20, 1873; and the three principal officers having been appointed by the Sov.: Grand Commander, in accordance with a resolution of the Supreme Council at its Annual Session held in Chicago, November 11, 1873, at the regular meeting of the Consistory, held January 23, 1874, the officers so nominated were approved and obligated, and the remaining officers elected and installed. In this connection, I would respectfully suggest that a charter be granted to this Body at the approaching session of the Supreme Council, as it is most desirable to form a Council of Deliberation at an early day, and thus complete the organization of the District.

During the past year I have written to all unaffiliated masons, whom I knew to be Sublime Princes and resident in the District, inviting them to unite with the Bodies established in the Valley of Burlington.

I have also received numerous enquiries regarding the Rite, from Brethren scattered throughout the State, and several applications for the Ineffable degrees; possibly, in response to information which I disseminated of the existence of the higher Bodies in our midst. Foremost amongst these, I would mention the applications of ten Brethren from Windsor, Vermont, where on February 12, 1874 (acting under "special dispensation" from the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, bearing date February 3, 1874), I, in conjunction with other Illustrious Brethren, opened a special communication of "Haswell" Grand Lodge of Perfection, and conferred the degrees, from the fourth to the fourteenth inclusive, upon the following Brethren, viz:

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| 1. Edward Dana Sabine, | 6. Alonzo Adalbert Martin, |
| 2. Henry Clay Philips, | 7. William Henry H. Perkins, |
| 3. Charles Jewett Jones, | 8. Henry Poor, |
| 4. Elias Francis Royce, | 9. Elisha Farnum Spaulding, |
| 5. William Reuben Weston, | 10. George Washington Thurston. |

At a subsequent communication of Haswell Lodge of Perfection, held at Burlington, Vt., February 20, 1874, a petition was received from the foregoing Brethren, asking permission to organize a Lodge of Perfection at Windsor, Vt., and having been read, a resolution was carried unanimously, authorizing the Grand Secretary to endorse said petition, and attach the seal of the Lodge thereto, which having been done in order, I endorsed the same and forwarded it with a recommendation for the favorable consideration of the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander.

The prayer of petitioners was granted, and a dispensation having issued bearing date March 6, 1874, "Windsor" Grand Lodge of Perfection was duly organized and its officers installed March 10, 1874. Judging from the character and extent of the work done by this Body, I have every reason to believe that it will prove to be a sound and healthy branch of the present stem, and under such a painstaking officer as Ill.: MILTON K. PAYNE, 32°, T.: P.: G.: M.:, who ably fills that office, it cannot fail to be so. I would strongly recommend that a charter be granted to this Body at the forthcoming session of the Supreme Council.

WORK.

The following table represents the amount of work done in all the Bodies up to July 1st, 1874, but as regards the three higher Bodies, dates back to November 1st, 1873, only, when returns were made to the Supreme Council:

| | Members, U. D. | Members. | Initiates. | Fees. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|-------|
| Consistory, U. D., | 26 | .. | 6 | \$30 |
| Chapter of Rose Croix, | .. | 29 | 6 | 17 |
| Council Princes of J., | .. | 31 | 7 | 19 |
| Haswell Lodge of P., | | 69 | 20 | 65 |
| Windsor " | 14 | .. | 18 | 48 |
| Total, | 40 | 129 | 55 | \$179 |

Names of Brethren who have been created S.: P.: R.: S.: since Nov. 1st, 1873:

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| 1. Robert J. Wright, | 4. Cyrus Roby, |
| 2. Clark J. Wait, | 5. William W. Henry, |
| 3. John T. Drew, | 6. Horace L. Johonnott. |

Before closing this Report, I would record our gratitude to the G.: A.: O.: T.: U.: that our ranks remain unbroken. Peace and harmony prevails, without one missing link in the golden chain of brotherly love to weaken our desire for perfection.

The various Bodies have been provided with the necessary jewels and regalia for the more effective working of the Ineffable degrees: and if the growth of the Rite in the District of Vermont is in proportion to the zeal manifested on the part of the Brethren, generally, more especially in the Valley of Burlington, I hope before another year has elapsed a suitable hall will have been procured for the exclusive use of the A.: A.: Rite.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. O. TYLER, 33°,

Special Deputy for the District of Vermont.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, August 14, 1874.

To M.: P.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America.

The department of Massachusetts has rejoiced, the past year, in a sound and vigorous growth, and has been gradually maturing in strength, character and usefulness. This prosperity is due, in a great measure, to the energy and fidelity the officers of the several Bodies have manifested in the prompt and creditable discharge of their various duties, and to their persistency and loyalty in illustrating, and practically carrying into effect the fundamental principles of our Rite.

Most of the Bodies, I am happy to report, held their annual elections of officers on the days prescribed by the constitutions, and promptly transmitted certificates thereof to the proper officers of the Supreme Council.

A dispensation was granted to

Goddard Council of P.: of J.:, for the election held June 3, 1874.
 Lowell Lodge of Perfection, " " " " March 7, "
 Evening Star Lodge of Perfection, " " " " " 19, "

I installed the officers of

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| Massachusetts Consistory, | Dec. 27, 1873. |
| Giles F. Yates Council of Princes of Jerusalem, | Jan. 9, 1874. |
| Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, | Feb. 6, " |
| Worcester " " | March 19, 1874. |
| Sutton " " | April 22, " |
| Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, | May 14, " |

AARON KING, 38°, Deputy for New Hampshire, granted permission to four of the Bodies in Boston to receive the petitions and confer the grades upon Bro.: FRANK H. AIKEN, of Franklin, N. H. He was created a S.: P.: R.: S., 32°, Dec. 26, 1873.

The following tabular statement indicates the work of the Bodies for the term ending June 30th, 1874, and their present strength :

| | Bodies. | Initiates. | Fees. | Members. |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|-------|----------|
| Consistory, | 1 | 42 | \$210 | 767 |
| Chapters of Rose Croix, | 8 | 58 | 106 | 888 |
| Councils of P.: of J.:, | 4 | 58 | 106 | 425 |
| Lodges of Perfection, | 6 | 107 | 321 | 901 |
| Dues from 14 Bodies, | | | 70 | |
| Total, | 14 | 255 | \$818 | 2481 |

I transmitted the annual dues, eight hundred and thirteen dollars, collected in Massachusetts for the Supreme Council, to HEMAN ELY, 33°, Grand Treasurer General, with a detailed statement in duplicate showing the exact nature, source, and amount of the several receipts.

I have approved the admirable code of by-laws lately adopted by Worcester Lodge of Perfection. On the invitation of GEORGE EDWARD SMITH, 32°, its T.: P.: Grand Master, I paid his Lodge an official visit on the 15th of February, accompanied by Ill.: Brothers WILLIAM PARKMAN, CHARLES H. TITUS, CHARLES E. POWERS and GEORGE O. CARPENTER, who kindly favored me with their agreeable presence and valuable assistance on that pleasant occasion.

We witnessed the ceremonies of the fourteenth degree, Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason, with great satisfaction; for the work being very beautifully and impressively rendered, its excellence was highly gratifying. The evidence, clear and positive, of faithful labor on the part of the officers, reflected great credit on the Lodge. May their successors continue to show good work, and the Lodge prosper abundantly!

At the close of the work, by invitation of the Thrice Potent, the Brethren partook of a feast, where precious memories were right merrily renewed.

There has been but little activity in masonic work at Springfield the past term, except in the Blue Lodge. Much of the attention of the working Brethren has been devoted to the fitting up of the new and spacious apartments, to which the fraternity has lately removed.

It is expected that, in their new quarters, Evening Star Lodge of Perfection will put forth renewed efforts, and revive the interest in its welfare which its past history so richly merits.

The progressive ardor of Sutton Lodge of Perfection has been somewhat retarded, the past season, by the unfortunate illness of its beloved Thrice Potent; who, I am happy to state, is steadily regaining his wonted good health. My visit to the Lodge, in April, was very pleasant and satisfactory. The Lodge has adopted an excellent code of by-laws, which has received my approval.

The Lowell bodies are in a highly prosperous condition, as are also the Bodies located in Boston. May their gallant officers redouble their exertions in discharging the high trusts confided to them, and enjoy the rich pleasure of seeing the Bodies reap a correspondingly great reward!

In December last, Massachusetts Consistory elected its officers for the ensuing three years, and adopted a very satisfactory code of by-laws, which I have heartily approved.

The happy union of the three Consistories in the Commonwealth, under the charter of Massachusetts Consistory, into one grandly efficient Consistory for the State, has resulted very beneficially. While the members have been more closely uniting in the bonds of fraternal love, the prosperity of the Consistory has been steadily increasing. The thirty-second degree is deservedly sought as a badge of distinction; and membership in Massachusetts Consistory is highly prized. During the past year, nearly a hundred unaffiliated brethren have perfected their membership, and find in the Consistory a pleasant home. For Massachusetts Consistory, I predict a brilliant and glorious future.

The Council of Deliberation of the A.: A.: Rite for the State of Massachusetts, held a lively and useful session June 30, 1874.

In addition to the usual business transacted, the Council adopted a design for a seal, and voted to recommend such an amendment of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, as would authorize the presiding officer of each subordinate Body to appoint all of the officers outranked by the Secretary.

The Council voted unanimously to earnestly request the Supreme Council to grant to Bro.: BENJAMIN F. BUTLER permission to sign the Oath of Fealty, so that he may be recognized in his capacity as an Honorary Member. They base their petition on the ground that his claims to the honorable rank of Ill.: Inspector General are rational and valid; and that his reason for having delayed his allegiance is sound and satisfactory. The Deputy heartily endorses the action of the Council of Deliberation, and confidently trusts that speedy justice will be done a Brother whose record is good.

The following resolution, relative to the brethren who have no "local habitation" in the Rite, was adopted :

Resolved, That no initiate of the Rite residing in Massachusetts, who is not a member of some one of the Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Rite, shall be permitted to visit any of the subordinate Bodies of the Rite in this State, unless he is invited to visit the Body by its presiding officer.

The Council also adopted affectionate tributes of respect to the memory of our beloved associates, NEWELL A. THOMPSON and CHARLES W. MOORE.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with the happy assurance that the present flourishing condition of the Ancient Accepted Rite in Massachusetts is an earnest of still greater prosperity in the future.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 88°,
Deputy for Massachusetts.

RHODE ISLAND.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree of the Northern District and Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Your Deputy for Rhode Island would respectfully submit his Annual Report.

The past year, though short, has been one of average prosperity in this District. In February last we held a Council of Deliberation in the City of Providence, at which, as in all our meetings, the most cordial harmony prevailed. The subject of the union of the two Consistories, viz., Rhode Island Sovereign Consistory of Newport, and Providence of Providence, which came up by reference, after a report of the committee, was again continued, and will be brought up at our next session of the Council, when we hope to dispose of it.

During the year there have been exalted to the thirty-second degree, or Sublime Grade of Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret, ten (10) from among our most enterprising and knowledge-seeking Brethren; and although the number may appear small, yet it should be considered, that this has not been a year of mercantile or financial successes; in fact, the policy of our District has been to seek to sift out the most cultivated and best of those offered, preferring quality to quantity.

The several Bodies have helden their meetings with about the usual punctuality, and the election of officers has been with but nominal opposition, and the Bodies are giving increased attention to the Work; and although our neighbor, Connecticut, has outstripped us in the race to get a permanent habitation and home, for which we offer our sincere congratulations, yet her little neighbor looks forward to the day when we also shall be independent and have a place to welcome our Ill.: Brethren to and in.

“Though little boats must keep near shore,
While larger ships may venture more.”

We feel thankful to the Allwise Father for his mercy in having brought us thus far in the cause without missing a single voice from our Council this year. While we unite in sorrowing the decease of a MOORE, THOMPSON and others, we have been exempt from the ordeal.

Looking with increased faith to the coming year for increased prosperity, we submit our above report.

N. H. GOULD, 33°,
Deputy for Rhode Island.

CONNECTICUT.

To the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the N.: M.: J.: of the U. S. A., Orient, Boston, Mass.

I hereby submit for your consideration and that of the Supreme Council, my annual report as Deputy for the State of Connecticut.

Time, ever present and never ending, has substracted from our lives another year, since we reviewed the condition of the Bodies of the Rite in this Jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the depressed state of affairs at home and throughout the country, success has rewarded the labors of the brethren. The number of initiates has increased and the quality of the work much improved.

In conformity to Article 25th of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, and by order of your Deputy, a State Council of Deliberation for the Masonic District of Connecticut, was held at Masonic Temple, in the city of New Haven, Conn., on the 27th day of the month Nisan, Anno Hebraico 5634, corresponding to the 14th day of April, 1874. Council convened at three o'clock P. M., the Ill.: Deputy presiding. Ill.: Bro.: CHAS. W. SKIFF, 32°, was appointed Secretary, and reported that the following Bodies were represented, viz: King Solomon Grand Lodge of Perfection, Van Rensselaer Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix, D-H, and Connecticut Sovereign Consistory of Norwich, by Ill.: Bros.: CHAS. W. CARTER, 33°, ISAAC N. PRESSEY, 32°, JAMES KERKER, 32°, JAMES WALKER, 32°, and ROBERT A. FRANCE, 32°. DeWitt Clinton Grand Lodge of Perfection, Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Pequinnock Chapter of Rose Croix, D-H, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, of Bridgeport, by Ill.: Bros.: WM. R. HIGBY, 33°, EDWARD W. ATWOOD, 33°, W. E. SEELEY, 32°, and A. R. BLAKERLEE, 32°. Charter Oak Grand Lodge of Perfection, Hartford, by Jos. K. WHEELER, 33°, Z. R. KING, 32°, and S. M. BRONSON, 32°. E. G. Storer Grand Lodge of Perfection, New Haven, by Ill.: Bros.: CHAS. W. SKIFF, 32°, HORATIO G. BUNSON, 32°, and FRED. H. WALDRON, 32°. There were also present many Ill.: Brethren from various parts of the State, all of whom were entitled to seats in the Council.

Ill.: Bro.: WILLIAM R. HIGBY, 33°, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Council of Deliberation recommend to the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction U. S. A., that a charter be granted to E. G. Storer Grand Lodge of Perfection, now working under dispensation in the Valley of New Haven, Conn.

At 4:15 the Council was called to refreshment for the purpose of witnessing an exemplification of the work by E. G. Storer Grand Lodge of Perfection, after which the Council resumed labor. The Committee on Nominations reported a list of officers for the ensuing year, who were unanimously elected and duly installed.

An invitation was extended to the Council by E. G. Storer Grand Lodge of Perfection, U. D., to participate in a banquet, which was unanimously accepted. No further business appearing, the Council was closed in form.

The New Haven Brethren are entitled to special commendation for the rapid progress which they have made in the A.: and A.: S.: Rite, during the few months which they have been at labor. Ill.: Bro.: SKIFF, 32°, is familiar with the duties which devolve upon a presiding officer, and with the able support of his Brethren, is entitled to success. The banquet which they gave to the members of the Council of Deliberation was a grand affair and worthy of Lockwood's name and fame.

The Bridgeport Bodies are improving their condition, and there is no reason why they should not excel in future.

The Hartford Brethren have elevated Ill.: Bro.: CHAS. E. BILLINGS, 32°, to the first office in Charter Oak Grand Lodge of Perfection. His experience as Commander of Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T., for many years past, and the success which has accompanied his labors, is a sufficient guaranty for the future. In the midst of their prosperity, the messenger of death entered and took from their number Ill.: Bro.: CYRUS GOODELL, 32°. He was one of the oldest masons in the State, well known and beloved by all. He was active in all the Orders, and at one time Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. The funeral ceremonies took place on Sunday, May 30th, and in compliance with his request, the Sir Knights of Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T., took charge of the remains, which were conveyed to the old cemetery on Windsor Avenue, and there the solemn and impressive burial service of the Order was performed in the presence of 400 masons and a large concourse of friends.

It is now ten years since the Bodies of the Rite were established in Norwich. They have not sought for rapid growth in numbers, but have labored to perfect the work, and thus assure those who are received into the Sublime and Superior Degrees a just appreciation of the beauties of the Order.

Not satisfied with the accommodations afforded in the Masonic Hall, the Brethren determined to lease new apartments and furnish them in

accordance with history and the requirements of the Ritual. Accordingly a committee was appointed, with full powers to complete said object. On the 24th of June, 1874 (St. John's Day), your Deputy dedicated the new Hall and apartments for the sole use of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Norwich, Connecticut.

Justice to the Brethren demands a more full account of their proceedings, but my connection with them will not admit of further remarks.

Respectfully submitted,
 CHAS. W. CARTER, 33°,
Deputy for Connecticut.

NEW YORK.

M.: P.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, Sov.: Grand Commander, &c., Portland, Me.

DEAR SIR AND ILL.: BRO.:—Herewith be pleased to receive a printed copy of the transactions of the Council of Deliberation for the State of New York, at its Annual Session February 4th of the present year.

You will observe that the recommendations of the Council in regard to new Bodies have already been acted upon by the Supreme Council, and it therefore only remains for me to call your attention to the code of laws adopted for our government in the future, and to the fact, made patent by the transactions themselves, that the highest degree of fraternal harmony prevails in the District.

I venture additionally to call your attention to the sentiment of the Council in reference to the thirty-second degree. I believe that much of the future of our Rite depends upon a correct estimate of the importance of making this degree less easily attainable than it is at present; but at the same time I cheerfully leave to your wisdom, and that of the Supreme Council, such measures, if any, as you may deem best suited to promote the general interest.

Truly and courteously yours,
 ORRIN WELCH, 33°,
Deputy for New York.

NEW JERSEY.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third Degree, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America:

As your Deputy for the District of New Jersey, it is my privilege again to report the Rite in this Jurisdiction to be in a most flourishing and prosperous condition.

The following is a summary of the Bodies in this District and their work for the term ending June 30, 1874:

| | Bodies. | Members. | Initiates. | Fees. |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|------------|-------|
| Consistory, | 1 | 216 | 51 | \$255 |
| Chapters of Rose Croix, | 5 | 238 | 48 | 96 |
| Councils of P.: of J.: | 5 | 259 | 47 | 94 |
| Lodges of Perfection, | 6 | 389 | 55 | 165 |
| Dues from 17 Bodies, | | | | 85 |
| | | | | \$695 |

The annual returns of all the Bodies have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary General, and I have his receipt for the above amount of fees and dues.

In consequence of the incompleteness of the new Masonic Hall, in the Valley of New Brunswick, Zerubbabel Council of P.: of J.: has not yet been able to assemble for work. I recommend the continuance of the dispensation of said Council.

Owing to circumstances beyond my control, no Council of Deliberation has been held.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SHEVILLE, 38°,

Deputy for New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General thirty-third degree, A.: and A.: Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction United States of America.

ILLUSTRIOUS PEERS AND BRETHREN :

The official masonic year just closed has been no exception to its predecessors in the continued prosperity of the Order, and an increasing interest in the Ancient and Accepted Rite in Pennsylvania. As our Rite becomes better known, it is appreciated for its antiquity, and where our Ritual is most faithfully and fully wrought, the noble precepts it inculcates and enjoins upon all its members, command the respect and admiration of its recipients.

Under the dispensation granted by the Supreme Council at its last annual session, in the City of Chicago, your Deputy, on Tuesday evening, February 2, 1874, organized Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and invested the officers thereof. In consequence of the state of my health, the Lodge was organized in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Philadelphia, to which place the Brethren from Lancaster came for the purpose, and where I had the assistance and co-operation of the fraternity.

Since its organization, Lancaster Lodge of Perfection has been actively at work, and has a large and increasing membership. Ill.: Bro.: Wm. J. FORDNEY, 32°, T.: P.: Grand Master, and his officers,

have bestowed much time and attention upon the work, which has been done strictly in conformity with the ritual, and as I have been informed, the degrees have been accurately and creditably conferred by them without any extraneous aid.

At the late session of the Council of Deliberation of Pennsylvania, held December 2, 1873, it was

Resolved (see minutes of Proceedings), "That it be referred to the Ill.: Deputy of the State, with power on behalf of this Council of Deliberation, to recommend to the Supreme Council, at its next annual session, the grant of a warrant to Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, should he deem that the interests of the Order will be promoted thereby."

In pursuance of this resolution, the assent of the Council of Deliberation of Pennsylvania is hereby given to the issue of said warrant, and as Deputy of the State, I recommend that the charter be so issued.

In several instances during the past year dispensations have been issued by me to confer the degrees of the Rite without awaiting the usual delays required by the regulations of the Supreme Council. Except in the case of those granted for the Bodies at Pittsburg, which have an annual reunion for conferring the degrees, these dispensations have been confined to cases where an absolute necessity required a relaxation of this most wholesome regulation.

I should indeed be rejoiced if this report could only offer congratulations for an increasing membership and continued interest and prosperity of the Order. But a more painful duty requires me to record the decease of two Honorary Members of the Supreme Council since its last annual session.

Ill.: In.: Gen.: NATHAN SMITH, 33°, was taken ill on his return home, immediately after the reception of his degree in Supreme Council in Cincinnati. With enfeebled health, and suffering from several attacks of paralysis, he continued to discharge the duties of Grand Treasurer of our Council of Deliberation (to which he was appointed when the Council was first organized), and in his office in one of the departments of the United States service, until a few days before his decease, on the 8th day of February, 1874. He was an honest, upright and conscientious man and mason; sincere in his convictions of duty, and faithful in the performance of it in every relation of life.

At the late Session in the City of Chicago in 1873, Ill.: Bro.: DEWEES J. MARTIN, M. D., 33°, was the recipient from the Supreme Council of the Honorary grade of thirty-third degree.

No Brother more fully appreciated this honorable distinction than Ill.: Bro.: MARTIN. He was an enthusiastic admirer of the Rites and Ceremonies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and better still, he exemplified by his daily walk in life the duties inculcated therein. Although I had heard of his sickness, I had no reason to suppose that it would be attended with any more serious results than those of the se-

vere and repeated attacks from which he had previously suffered and rallied. But organic disease proved too much for an enfeebled constitution, and death came to his relief on the 29th day of June, 1874. An estimable, courteous gentleman, he lived and died a Christian and a Mason.

Seven other Sublime Princes of the R.: S.: 32°, have likewise passed from our midst during the past official year. Two of these were connected with the Bodies at Pittsburgh, one at Bloomsburg and four at Philadelphia. Their names are recorded in the Returns of the Bodies to which they respectively belonged, but with none of them had I more than the usual masonic acquaintance, except in the case of Bro.: JOHN L. BRADBURY, 32°, whose decease took place on the 8th day of June, 1874.

Bro.: BRADBURY was a bright mason and a brilliant worker in every degree to which he devoted his attention. His loss is one of more than ordinary interest to the Fraternity of the A.: and A.: R.: in Philadelphia, on that account especially. His enthusiasm was unbounded, his interest never flagged. He was no indolent drone, but he worked with a will. What he did, he did well. His delight was to bring out and exemplify such of the degrees as were less frequently worked. He was not satisfied with working himself, but he could impart some of his own enthusiasm to others. With an accurate attention to minutiae, he succeeded in most satisfactorily exemplifying some of our most beautiful but less appreciated degrees. He was thus engaged when illness overtook him. Although apprised by his medical attendant that his death might occur at any moment, it came with startling suddenness to his masonic friends and acquaintances. Returning from a short walk, he complained of feeling ill, and in a very few hours, conscious to the last, he ceased to breathe. In the Bodies meeting in Philadelphia he has left a void not easily filled, and one which has been most sensibly felt and appreciated.

The Council of Deliberation of Pennsylvania held its 7th Annual Session in the city of Philadelphia on the 2d day of December, 1873. There was a full attendance from all parts of the State, and as usual, its proceedings were harmonious, the only matter on its behalf now claiming the attention of the Supreme Council, being that referred to in the first part of this report, in relation to the granting of a warrant to Lancaster Lodge of Perfection. A copy of its proceedings accompanies this report.

Suffering from a catarrhal affection of the head and chest, of great severity and uncommon duration, the health of your Deputy was much impaired during the fall of 1873, and winter following it, rendering exertion of any kind very irksome. My duties, especially of correspondence, &c., have not been performed with as much completeness and satisfaction to myself as I could have desired; but I am not aware that any important interest has suffered by any delay or neglect of mine.

Returns and dues have been received and transmitted to the Grand Secretary General and Grand Treasurer General from all the Bodies in the State except from Shrewsbury Lodge of Perfection, now working under dispensation obtained several years ago. This Lodge has done no work since the first year of its existence, and its longer continuance in its dormant condition I cannot recommend.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY E. STOCKER, M. D., 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania.

OHIO.

To the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S., Orient, Boston, Mass.

In accordance with the requirements of the Statutes and Regulations, I have the honor to submit my annual report of the state of the Rite for the District of the State of Ohio, for the year ending the first instant.

The number of subordinate Bodies in the District is the same as reported last year. The increase of membership during the year has been a healthy one, and the general interest among the masonic fraternity in regard to the A.: and A.: Rite, has been steadily growing. The annual meeting of Ohio Consistory, held at Cincinnati, on the 22d, 23d and 24th of February, was one of the largest, and taken altogether, the most satisfactory one ever held in the State.

A Council of Deliberation was held in Cincinnati, on February 21st, at which all the subordinate Bodies, with two exceptions, were represented. The old motto of our Order may truly be applied to the Ancient Accepted Rite in Ohio.

"HEALTH, STABILITY, POWER!"

STATISTICS OF THE RITE.

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| 8 Lodges of Perfection, membership, 1873,..... | 488 |
| Initiated during the year,..... | 77 |
| Affiliated,.. .. | 2 |
| Restored,..... | 1 |
| | 518 |
| Deaths,..... | 2 |
| Withdrawn, | 9 |
| Total membership, August 1, 1874,..... | 509 |

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| 3 Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, membership, 1873,..... | 427 |
| Initiated during the year,..... | 78 |
| Affiliated,..... | 2 |
| | 507 |
| Deaths, | 2 |
| Withdrawn,..... | 5 |
| | 7 |
| Total membership, August 1, 1874,..... | 500 |
| 2 Chapters of Rose Croix, membership, 1873,..... | 369 |
| Initiated during the year,..... | 78 |
| Affiliated,..... | 2 |
| | 449 |
| Deaths,..... | 2 |
| Withdrawals, | 5 |
| | 7 |
| Total membership, August 1, 1874,..... | 442 |
| 1 Consistory, membership, 1873,.. | 353 |
| Initiated during the year,.. | 76 |
| Affiliated,..... | 2 |
| Restored,..... | 2 |
| | 80 |
| | 433 |
| Deaths,..... | 2 |
| Withdrawn,..... | 5 |
| | 7 |
| Total membership, August 1, 1874,..... | 425 |

Total amount of dues to the Supreme Council for the year, \$968.00, of which sum \$958.00 has been paid to the Gr.: Sec.: General. Two of the Bodies, the Council and Lodge at Cambridge, have made no report for this year, and have not paid their annual dues to the Supreme Council, and in the foregoing statistics, the membership of those Bodies are *estimated* as remaining as they did last year.

Last spring I had the pleasure of attending the grand reunion of the Rite in Indiana, for the conferring of the degrees at Indianapolis, and although it is not within my District, I feel that I cannot refrain from paying a just tribute of praise to the enterprise and activity of the Indianapolis Brethren. They have, at great expense, procured and fitted up entire new apartments, spacious and convenient, with all the necessary appliances for the effective conferring of the degrees. And during the three days' convocation, all the degrees (usually worked) from Secret Master to Prince of the Royal Secret, were conferred in a most effective and masterly manner. All hail to the Brethren in Indianapolis. May their enterprise receive its due reward.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. CARSON, 33°,
Dep.: Ins.: Gen.: for the State of Ohio.

INDIANA.

To the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The Deputy for Indiana District submits the following report for year ending June 30, 1874:

DUES PAID.

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| Indianapolis Bodies..... | \$424.00 |
| New Albany " | 78.00 |
| | <u> </u> \$497.00 |

DUES UNPAID.

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| Lafayette Consistory, 1872, 1873, \$10.00; 1874, \$5.00,.. | \$15.00 |
| " Chapter, 1872, 1873, \$10.00; 1874, \$5.00,..... | 15.00 |
| " Council, " " " " " "..... | 15.00 |
| " L. of P., " " " " " "..... | 15.00 |
| | <u> </u> \$60.00 |
| Fort Wayne Consistory, 1874,..... | \$5.00 |
| " " Chapter, 1874,... | 5.00 |
| " " Council, " | 5.00 |
| " " L. of P., " | 5.00 |
| | <u> </u> \$20.00 |

The charters of the following Bodies were revoked at your last session, but have not yet been returned to me:

Cambridge Lodge of Perfection, Cambridge.

L. A. Smith Consistory, Terre Haute.

Vigo Chapter,

I have written to the former officers of these Bodies, informing them of the action of your Council and requesting a return of these charters, but for some reason it has not been complied with.

The charters revoked at your last session as follows, have been surrendered to me and forwarded to the Grand Secretary:

Logan Council, Logansport.

Hamilton Lodge of Perfection, Logansport.

Anderson Lodge of Perfection, Anderson.

Hamilton Council Princes of Jerusalem, Terre Haute.

Terre Haute Lodge of Perfection, Terre Haute.

I have received no records or rituals except one copy of ritual Lodge of Perfection, from Anderson Lodge.

The Bodies at New Albany and Indianapolis are in a flourishing condition. At Indianapolis new and large rooms have been fitted up, with every appliance for conferring degrees in full, and much interest and zeal is manifested by the members, and the Order daily growing in favor, and its future at this place assured beyond the most sanguine expectations.

JOHN CAVEN, 33°,
Deputy for Indiana.

ILLINOIS.

To the Supreme Council A.: and A.: Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America.

The undersigned, Deputy for the District of Illinois, begs to present the following report for the year ending August 15, 1874:

During the last year the Rite has enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. The amount of work done has been somewhat less than in some previous years, but peace and harmony have prevailed.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council at its last meeting, I wrote to Ill.: Bro.: O. H. MINER, late Com.-in-Chief of the Consistory in Springfield, asking for charters and such property as might belong to the Supreme Council. He replied that the charters, records and property were mostly, if not all, burned by the fire that destroyed the Secretary's office.

The Brethren, formerly members of the defunct Bodies, I have presumed to be simply not affiliated, and eligible to membership in other Bodies of the Rite, in whose jurisdiction they may reside.

From the Lodge and Council in Monmouth, I have received the following communication submitted to the Council of Deliberation of the District:

MONMOUTH, ILL., March 24, 1874.

HOSMER A. JOHNSON, 33°, *Dep.: for Illinois:*

At a Regular Convocation of the Monmouth Council of Princes of Jerusalem, No. 3, held in Masonic Hall, in this city, March 11, 1874, a Committee of Three was appointed, consisting of JACOB W. BREWER, A. H. SWAIN, and L. D. ROBINSON, to confer with you in reference to the necessary steps to be taken with the view of the ultimate surrendering of the charter of said Body. The Brethren have, after much thought upon this matter, concluded, with your sanction, to surrender its charter, for many and good reasons, the most prominent of which are:

1. The great loss of membership sustained within the last two years -amounting to fully one-half of our entire membership—who have either dimitted or removed from the city.
2. General apathy, lack of interest, and non-attendance of the members.
3. Lack of suitable rooms to confer the degrees, entire destitution of and want of proper regalia, jewels, etc., consistent with and necessary for the maintenance of the dignity of the Order.
4. Total inability to provide and meet the necessary and incidental expenses requisite to a prosperous and healthy existence.

For these, and many other considerations, the Brethren, through their Committee, beg of you to take this matter under early advisement, granting them this privilege, as well as pointing out to them the necessary steps to be taken for the consummation of this object.

Monmouth Gr.: Lodge of Perfection, No. 3, has also taken the same view of the matter, and desires to surrender its charter, for like reasons as above stated; also confirming the same Committee, empowering them to act in their behalf.

Fraternally and courteously,

JACOB W. BREWER, 33°,
A. H. SWAIN, 32°,
L. D. ROBINSON, 32°,
} Committee.

The Council of Deliberation recommended that the Bodies be permitted to surrender their charters. The dues are paid and returns received by the Deputy.

In a few cases dispensations have been issued authorizing the advancement of candidates or elections at special meetings.

A copy of the Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation held in the City of Chicago, May, 1874, is herewith submitted.

H. A. JOHNSON, 33°,

Deputy for Illinois.

MICHIGAN.

To the Supreme Council of the A.: A.: S.: Rite for the N.: M.: Jurisdiction of the United States, Orient, Boston, Mass.

Your Deputy for Michigan would respectfully report that the A.: A.: Rite in Michigan is enjoying a fair degree of prosperity. The number of Bodies is the same as last year. A Council of Deliberation was held January 27, 1874. There was nothing done that demands the attention of the Supreme Council.

There has been no work done in the Valleys of Kalamazoo, Jackson, Grand Rapids and Allegan. I think the time is not far distant when the Chapters and Consistories at Jackson and Kalamazoo will surrender their charters and unite with co-ordinate Bodies at Detroit.

The Bodies in the Valley of Detroit have had a prosperous year. The officers and members have been prompt in their attendance and efficient in their duties. The Bodies have a fine suit of rooms, and furnished with proper fixtures and paraphernalia for the full working of the principal degrees of the Rite.

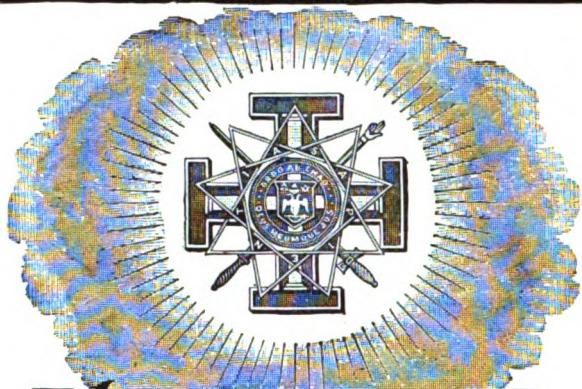
Courteously and Fraternally,

D. BURNHAM TRACY, 33°,

Deputy for Michigan.

WISCONSIN.

[None received.]



IN MEMORIAM.

ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

Mewell Eldrich Thompson,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF
SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE, N. M. J., U. S. A.

BORN IN UXBRIDGE, MASS., DEC. 2, 1808.

DIED IN BOSTON, MASS., APR. 10, 1874.

A Man of Real Intrinsic Worth, Greatly Beloved for his Unfailing Courtesy,
and Kindness of Heart.



OBITUARY REPORTS

ON THE DECEASE OF ACTIVE AND HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

ILL.: BRO.: NEWELL ALDRICH THOMPSON, 83°.

In the death of our beloved Brother, which took place on the tenth of April, 1874, after a short illness, our Order mourns the loss of one of its most esteemed and honored members; and the whole community joins with us in regret at the departure of a citizen whose life had been, in no ordinary degree, blameless and useful.

NEWELL ALDRICH THOMPSON was born on the 2d of December, 1808, in Uxbridge, Mass. He came of good New England stock, his paternal ancestor having been one of the earliest settlers of the Massachusetts Colony. Thrown at an early age upon his own exertions for a livelihood, young Thompson turned his attention to whatever useful employment came nearest to hand; and changing residence with his father, a millwright by profession, we find him engaged as a "bobbin-boy" in various manufacturing towns, but, during the last five years of his minority, employed as a salesman in a large country store in Dover, N. H.

Determined to push his fortunes in a larger field, he came to Boston in 1829, and, in default of more profitable employment, entered the law office of the late Judge Hurd as a copyist. So favorable an impression did he make upon his employer, that he was advised to enter upon the study of the law, and was offered the free use of the books of the office. He remained here seven years, and managed, by writing and by studying after office hours, to support himself, and at the same time acquire a fair legal education. No better proof can be given of the confidence reposed in Mr. THOMPSON by his patron, than that he was constituted Mr. Hurd's attorney for the transaction of his private business, and was made trustee of his large estate.

In 1836 Brother THOMPSON associated himself with FRANCIS J. OLIVER as assistant agent of a London banking house, having an office on State street, and held the position until 1839, when the agency was withdrawn from Boston. He again resumed the law, and was employed

in the management of several trust estates; filling, at the same time, the office of Secretary of the Whig Republican Association, and Superintendent of the Whig headquarters during the exciting presidential election of 1840. He commenced, in 1841, as auctioneer and commission merchant, a business which he followed until the time of his death. He had, from time to time, business partners; but his name has for many years been widely and honorably known as the head of the firm, which, under his energetic management, made the annual results of its sales of real estate reach to millions of dollars.

But it was not alone as a business man that our departed Brother took an active part in the duties of life; he distinguished himself in many and various fields of usefulness, and during his forty-five years of residence in Boston few men have held so large a number of official positions, civil, military and charitable. In all these stations he discharged his duties in a manner to win universal respect. For six years he was a member of the School Committee of Boston; and at different periods he rendered eight years' service in the Common Council. During this long term of municipal service, he was chairman of many important committees; and his reports were noted for the thoroughness and ability with which he handled all subjects committed to his charge. In 1832 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives, to which he was re-elected in the two following years, and was appointed chairman, on the part of the House, of the special committee on the amendment of the Constitution of the State. Later, commencing in 1836, he served three more years in the House, acting as chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, under whose supervision the general militia law was drafted, which has stood until within a recent period. In 1857 Col. Thompson was elected a member of the Executive Council of the State, where he was also appointed chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.

His military career commenced in 1831, when he was a member of the Independent Corps of Cadets. In 1835 he was commissioned as Ensign of the Boston City Guards; in May, 1838, he became Adjutant of the Battalion of Light Infantry, receiving his commission from Col. Everett; he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to Gen. WINTHROP in 1838, and Brigade Major and Inspector in 1839; he was elected Lieut.-Colonel of First Regiment of Light Infantry, First Brigade, First Division, in 1840; and in 1841 was commissioned by Gov. DAVIS as Brigade Major. In 1843 he was commissioned as Captain of the Boston City Guard, an office which he held for several years; and it was the military position in which he took the greatest pride. In 1854 he accepted a temporary appointment on the staff of Gen. B. F. EDMANDS; and was appointed on the personal staff of Gov. BANKS in 1860. He was twice Adjutant of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, once Lieutenant; and he commanded the Corps in 1843. In May, 1867, he was appointed by the Secretary of War as a member of the Board of Visitors to West

Point. His talent for organizing and commanding large bodies of men was recognized in his selection by the City to act as Chief Marshal of the procession at the time of the dedication of the Franklin Statue; and he rendered frequent service on similar occasions.

As a member of the military organization of Massachusetts, Col. THOMPSON was noted for his knowledge of the details of tactics and military law. His opinions on military questions were always regarded with high respect; and few men in the Commonwealth have done so much, both as an officer and a legislator, to bring the militia to its present efficiency. When the rebellion broke out, in 1861, Col. THOMPSON immediately repaired to the State House, and tendered his services to Gov. ANDREW, to aid in equipping and sending off the troops; and the Governor gladly availed himself of the assistance thus thoughtfully proffered. During the whole of the rebellion he was active and liberal in helping recruit the volunteer army, and providing for the comfort of the men and their families.

Brother THOMPSON had also taken great interest in Odd Fellowship, had served as Deputy Grand Sire of that Order, and at his death was the Senior Past Grand Master of the Order in Massachusetts.

Brother THOMPSON's interest in the concerns of masonry commenced in 1845. He was made a Master Mason in Columbian Lodge, Boston, Feb. 25, of that year; was a charter member of Revere Lodge (chartered March 1, 1857), and was made an Honorary Member of that Lodge in 1872.

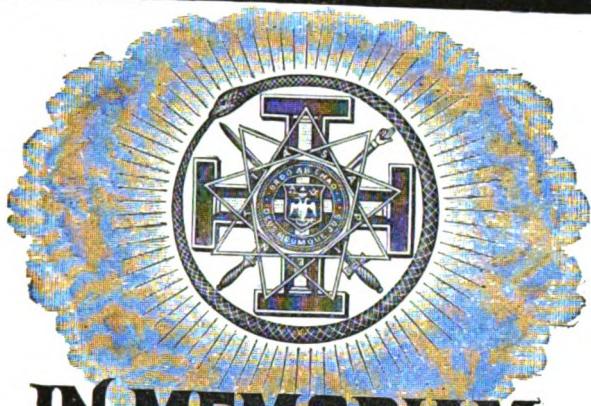
He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in St. Paul's Chapter, May 23, 1845, and was dubbed a Knight Templar in Boston Encampment, May 24, 1845. He was Commander-in-Chief of Boston Consistory of S.: Princes of the R.: S.:, 32°, in 1863, and did good work as District Deputy Grand Master of the twelfth Masonic District, from Dec. 29, 1863, to Dec. 27, 1866. The next year, he served the Grand Lodge as Deputy Grand Master. He was created a Sov.: Gr.: Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, May 21, 1862.

From this rapid sketch of the life of our esteemed Brother, it is apparent that his was a career of no ordinary activity and usefulness. Few men would have the courage to attempt so much; and fewer still could have performed such a varied round of duties so well. He was indebted, for his success in life, to a quick and trained intelligence, systematic habits of work, and a thorough and conscientious devotion to whatever task he might have in hand. In his personal and social relations, he has left behind, in the hearts of those who knew him, a host of pleasant and tender recollections. Always kindly and genial, with much of the courtesy of the olden time in his manner, he attracted all who came near him; and the circle of his friends was almost as wide as that of his acquaintance. Prompt in all good works, generous and public-spirited, we shall miss him in a thousand ways; and the

suddenness of his departure gives a keener point to our regret. But he has gone to reap the reward of a well-spent life; and his family and friends will cherish with abiding satisfaction the remembrance of his manly virtues, his kindly deeds, and of that long and honorable career, brought unspotted to its close.

Respectfully submitted,

WYZEMAN MARSHALL, 33°,
NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, 33°. }
JAMES H. FREELAND, 33°, } Committee.



IN MEMORIAM.

ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

Charles Whitlock Moore,

AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGN
GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD
DEGREE, N. M. J., U. S. A.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF
MASSACHUSETTS; PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND
RHODE ISLAND; AND

HONORARY PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
MASSACHUSETTS.

BORN IN BOSTON, MASS., MARCH 29, 1801.

DIED IN BOSTON, MASS., DEC. 12, 1873.

A Faithful Man, a Strong Champion, A Learned and Renowned Mason.



ILL.: BRO.: CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, 83°.

The stately form of CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE has been such a familiar presence to all who, during the past fifty years, have been wont to be found in or about our various Masonic Temples, that, when they now meet, they cannot but miss him. Here to-day, elsewhere on many another day, with wistful eyes we instinctively look after this prominent object of interest and respect to two whole generations of our Brethren; but we look in vain. Never again shall our gaze be fixed by his tall figure and weighty words in the Council, or his genial face and flowing reminiscences at the banquet. So constantly and so long have we been accustomed to see him in the front group of every important gathering of our Order, that we shall look for him again and again, and feel, as we fail to find him, that his absence is strange and unnatural. Where is he? What has become of him, that he is not here? Ah! the Angel of Death, who has guided him away, answers not a word to our inquiries, but points upward, and leaves us to gather a reply from the silence of our hushed hearts. Brooding over that mystic and monitory silence, shall we not take home the lesson it teaches of the common fate of man? The wisest and the weakest, the proudest and the humblest, are all one before the level mandate of mortality. God alone is great; God alone exempt from change, throned in the inscrutable calmness of his eternity. There we believe He calls his wandering children home, when they grow weary, and the shadows begin to fall. Therefore we do not mourn our Illustrious Brother as lost in decay and oblivion. We think of him as freed, and found in the immortal light of the divine kingdom; and our hearts joyfully leap up to greet him there, advancing before us in the endless degress of celestial life.

In the crowded and hurrying moments which alone our Council can now assign to the office of commemorating the worth of the members deceased since its last meeting, it would be impossible to present any adequate sketch of the abounding labors, and brilliant masonic career, of our distinguished Brother. Nor is it requisite. His record is abundantly and imperishably preserved in all our annals for the past half century. Verily, if our annals are writ true, it is there how he fluttered the anti-masonic Volsces. We propose only to do ourselves the justice of rendering to his memory such a fraternal tribute of affection and honor as he often paid to others, and as we may imagine he would like to have paid to himself. No instinct is more touching in its appeal, as none is more deeply rooted in the human heart, than the desire to be remembered and loved after we have passed away. The Council of Deliberation reverences this instinct, and will sacredly obey it.

Our lamented and far-renowned Brother was born in Boston in 1801, of English parents, in a good social position; his father, before migrating to this country, having occupied an official post in the household of

King George the Third. He inherited a constitution of remarkable strength and tenacity of fibre. In the public schools of his native city, and in his apprenticeship as a printer, he acquired the rudiments of a sound education; which, combined with his excellent qualities of character, his sober and balanced judgment, his great prudence, courage, and firmness, enabled him, through a long, conspicuous, and exposed career, to exert a commanding influence, and to effect signal results in the three distinct departments of social life, public action, and special literature.

At the earliest eligible age, he became a mason. From that moment his destiny seemed determined. The characteristics of our Order fascinated his reason, his fancy, and his heart; and he devoted himself, body and soul, to its service. It would be wearisome and unprofitable to repeat here the dates and titles connected with the almost innumerable offices he held, duties he fulfilled, and honors he achieved, in Freemasonry. Suffice it to say this: he rapidly rose through the degrees, put on the distinctive insignia, swayed all the prerogatives known to the Order, from the bottom to the top; and in every station his work and demeanor were pre-eminently becoming to himself, and creditable to the fraternity. To parallel, in another single person, within the entire history of our craft, the number of offices he filled, the length of time he filled them, and the amount of labor he did in them, on the whole, would be difficult, if not impossible. He wrote, at the age of thirty, the famous "Declaration of Principles" issued by our Brethren in the midst of the furious crusade waged against them by their political enemies—a document of the extremest mark and importance in the history of American Masonry. He was also the sole author of another paper, scarcely inferior to the former in power and in value, namely: "The Memorial to the Massachusetts Legislature, surrendering the Act of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge." He likewise edited, for thirty-two years, "The Freemason's Monthly Magazine," the first exclusively Masonic periodical ever published in the world, the collective volumes of which compose an imperishable monument of his masonic learning, his varied ability, his consistent zeal, and his enlarged and elevated spirit.

For thirty-four successive years he filled the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, showing himself a masterly expert, a man of strong will, a clear intellect, a full memory, a ready hand, a most watchful eye, and a brave heart full of tender affection overlaid with iron firmness. Then some who aspired to that post, aided by others whose imperfect acquaintance led them to take offense at his occasional pre-occupation of manner, his seemingly neglectful and distant bearing, succeeded in supplanting him. This was the severest blow he had ever received, in fact, the only one ever inflicted on him inside of the Order. He felt it profoundly, but gave no sign, nor abated one jot of his devotion. The brethren made haste to heap

other honors, other marks of confidence and gratitude, on him. He was thus quickly consoled.

When he had passed his three-score years and ten in hale vigor, the most brilliant and imposing event of his life came to him, an occasion of social glory and joy such as falls to the lot of few men. He had completed the fiftieth year of his membership of St. Andrew's Lodge. The Brothers, with unanimous consent, resolved by a Commemorative Banquet to testify the love they cherished for him, and the exalted estimation in which he was held by the craft at large. They issued their invitations to whoever was most distinguished in rank and talent within the broad folds of the fraternity. It was a superb affair in all respects. To the mind, to the eye, to the heart, it was a scene comparable, on a lesser scale, to the triumphal entry of a Roman General, if covered with scars, yet glittering with the spoils of his conquests. It must have been an evening of supreme and unalloyed delight to our Brother. How well he improved, as well as enjoyed it, is shown in the remarkable address he gave, printed in the unique volume in which St. Andrew's Lodge has embalmed the fragrant memory of that rare event.

In the beautiful ode written for the occasion by our gifted and endeared Brother, HENRY GRAFTON CLARK, it seems as if some prophetic shadow of the event then not far off had thrown itself into the heart of the poet :—

“ What though his spring-time long has passed ?
Still Joshua-like our Nestor stands ;
And, when the combat thickens fast,
Deals stalworth blows with willing hands.
Breathe soft and low, O AUTUMN wind !
Loiter a while, October sun !
That HE some tardy flowers may find
Ere WINTER's solstice has begun.”

It was a sweet wish. And its kindly invocation was answered ; for the remnant of his days was as a long and gentle Indian Summer, basking in the unbroken sunshine of masonic honor, love, and prosperity.

He had been severely ill for a few days, when the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge was held. To the dense assembly, missing him with wonder, the Grand Master said, “ CHARLES W. MOORE is nigh unto death.” Every heart seemed to thrill with awe in the painful silence which reigned after these words. The pause was broken by a motion, unanimously adopted, to confer on the dying Secretary, in recognition of his unrivalled services, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. WINSLOW LEWIS, the most tenderly attached and warmly cherished friend he had, was appointed to carry the message. He flew with feet of love, lest the grateful errand might be too late. As he advanced to the bedside, the dying man, seeing the most beloved companion he had known in all the long journey

that lay behind, opened his arms to him. While he listened to the surprising announcement, his eyes gleamed, his failing features were lighted up, and he said, "This is worth living for, worth dying for." Fortunate pair! Beautiful picture of masonic friendship!

They buried him at lovely Auburn, with a funeral fit for a king. They strewed the acacia-sprigs lovingly on his grave, and spoke with tender charity of his few defects, but with generous fervor of his numerous virtues. Many tributes, in many places, were paid to his memory, and full justice was done to all his worth.

And now the years will pass on; and few men like him, taking him for all in all, will rise to walk with equal step in the paths he has illustrated. For many and many an anniversary yet to come, faithful hands will freshly lay the symbolic wreath of green where his body sleeps, and unforgetting hearts think of his soul as safely advanced to the bosom of his God. He rests secure in his high immortality, alike in the masonic Calendar below, and in the heavenly gathering above. Having taken all the initial degrees here, he has risen to the real *ineffable* ones there. Now indeed is he a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret; for he has thrown off the final encumbrance of earth, penetrated the last barrier of mortality, and grasped the destiny hidden behind the invisible veil, in the mysterious empire of eternity. One by one, as fast as we are called, and as far as we are fitted, we shall follow after him along the still way to the endless home in that unknown world which opens only to the initiates of the Divine Degree of the Resurrection.

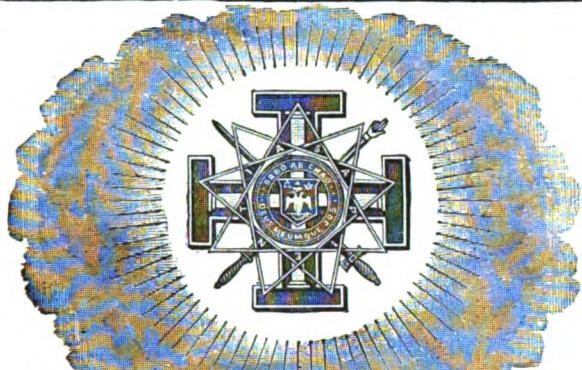
Meanwhile our risen Brother adjures us to be true and earnest in all our relations with that great institution of Freemasonry, to which he was so devoted in life and death. No one with an adequate knowledge of the facts and philosophy of the subject, and with a spirit sufficiently expansive and sympathetic, can fail to see that, as an educational and benevolent institution, our Order is one of the mightiest means ever devised for promoting the progress of mankind, and that if its members will only live up to its precepts, and combine to spread them in organized action, there awaits it a more glorious destiny than has ever yet fallen to the lot of any single institution in the world.

The CHURCH, by its verbal teachings, *tells* men what to do; MASONRY, by its symbolic ritual, *shows* them what to do. Now let our great DEMOCRATIC BROTHERHOOD, scorning merely to *say* what ought to be done, not content any longer with a dramatic exhibition of it, resolutely begin, with one mind and one heart, *to do it*, in the actual sphere of private and public life; and FREEMASONRY, if not bearing off the diadem from the CHURCH itself, shall, at least, be crowned with it in the forefront, as no inferior champion in establishing the KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH. On the contrary, if the leading representatives of our Order throughout the world, reckless of the grand philanthropic and religious sentiments of morality and disinterestedness, so profuse on their lips, and in their ceremonies, are absorbed in the pursuit of office,

and selfish pleasure or advantage, the Institution, in spite of all its chivalrous associations and delightful memories, will be gradually shorn of its glory, and justly pass into oblivion.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM R. ALGER, 32°,
WINSLOW LEWIS, 33°, }
WILLIAM SUTTON, 33°, } Committee.



IN MEMORIAM.

ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

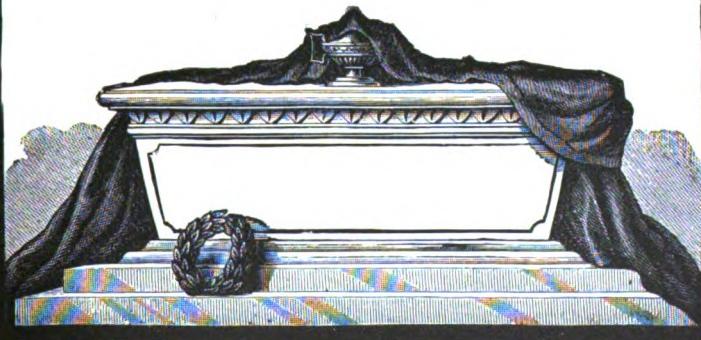
John Thorr Lynde,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF
SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE, N. M. J., U. S. A.

BORN IN POMFRET, VERMONT, DECEMBER 22, 1827.

DIED AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, MARCH 12, 1874.

"Intaminatis fulget honoribus."



JOHN H. LYNDE, 33°, OF MAINE.

The Active members from Maine present, as their report on the death of Ill.: JOHN H. LYNDE, 33°, the accompanying eulogy, delivered by Bro.: DRUMMOND, at the Lodge of Sorrow :

GEORGE W. DEERING, 33°,
WILLIAM P. PREBLE, 33°, } Committee.
JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,

ILL.: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: In attempting to speak of Bro.: LYNDE, as dead, I am pressed with a weight of grief that I can scarcely sustain; and for myself I should prefer that his eulogy should be the silent eloquence of tears. But we owe it to those who shall come after us to place on record a tribute to his virtues, that his example may be imitated by those who never knew him.

JOHN HORR LYNDE was born in Pomfret, Vermont, December 22, 1827. He came to Maine in his infancy, and at an early age was apprenticed to learn the art of printing in the office of the Maine Farmer, at Augusta. After learning his trade, he worked in the same office as a journeyman until May, 1854, when, in connection with WILLIAM H. WHEELER, he purchased the Whig and Courier at Bangor, and removed to that city. In 1868 he purchased the interest of his partner (who retired on account of failing health), and alone managed the whole business till his death. He issued a daily and weekly edition of the paper, which under his able management grew in size, circulation and influence until it was second to none in the State. The labors of his business were too great for any one man, and there is scarcely a doubt that overwork was the cause of his death. During the past summer and early autumn his health was not so perfect as usual, but none of us had any apprehension of anything serious. In the winter he seemed to be somewhat weak, and when it was announced that he was going south for his health, we all supposed that a short period of rest from his severe labor would restore him completely. When he left he seemed to have a presentiment that he should never return; but the most of us attributed his feelings of that character to the weakness occasioned by his sickness. But the event proved that he was right; and very soon the startling news came flashing over the wires that he was so dangerously ill that but little hopes of his recovery were entertained. Then followed a period of suspense, which, the longer it was protracted, gave stronger hopes that he might rally. But on the twelfth of March, 1874, came the crushing tidings that on that day he had passed away from earth.

His remains were brought to Bangor and buried by the Grand Lodge of Maine. The immense concourse of those who came to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory shows the estimation in which he was held by his neighbors and fellow citizens.

I have known Bro.: LYNDE longer (with perhaps a single exception) than has any other one present. While he was living at Augusta, an ac-

cidental circumstance made us acquainted with each other. A friendship sprang up between us, which grew in strength until it was suddenly broken by the hand of death. Within a few months of the same age, and thrown together in very many of the relations of life, we have stood side by side almost ever since we entered upon the years of manhood; and now I cannot realize that the friend and brother, upon whom I have ever leaned with confidence and trust that knew no wavering, has gone to his long home. You will pardon my seeming egotism, for I cannot speak of him without acknowledging my obligations to him.

He was made a mason in St. Andrew's Lodge, in Bangor, in 1859; was elected Junior Warden the same year; Senior Warden in 1860; and Master in 1861 and 1862. In 1864, in his absence and without his knowledge, he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; was re-elected in 1865; was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1866, 1867 and 1868; and Grand Master in 1869, 1870 and 1871.

He received the Capitular degrees in Greenleaf Chapter, but afterwards became a member of Mt. Moriah Chapter, at Bangor. He received the Cryptic degrees and Knightly orders in the Council and Commandery, at Bangor. He held various offices in the latter, among them that of Commander. He also held the offices of Grand Captain General and Grand Generalissimo in the Grand Commandery, in which he once declined further promotion, because he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, holding that the same person should not be at the head of two of our Grand Bodies at the same time.

He received the degrees of this Rite soon after our Consistory was formed, and as a recognition of his ability, character and masonic labors, in 1871 was elected, and in 1872 was advanced to the thirty-third degree.

Bro.: LYNDE had a keen perception of the right, that gave him a contempt for anyone in whom he discovered any inclination to subordinate right to policy. Plain and outspoken himself, he could not endure deceit in others. While he respected an open opponent, and held that difference of opinion was no cause for *personal* difference, he never afterwards trusted one who sought to win his favor by a pretense of agreement, when really opposing. An earnest and self-reliant man, he was a devoted friend. Whenever he supported or opposed, he did it earnestly and zealously. Frank and ready in his denunciation of wrong, he sometimes incurred ill-will; but while he regretted it, he was not thereby moved to concede the iota of a principle. He was a dutiful son, a loyal husband, and a tender and indulgent father. He never forgot a favor, even though it might be followed by repeated injuries; the sin of ingratitude was never laid at *his* door.

His ability and energy as a business man are demonstrated by the continually increasing prosperity and influence of his newspaper during a period of twenty years.

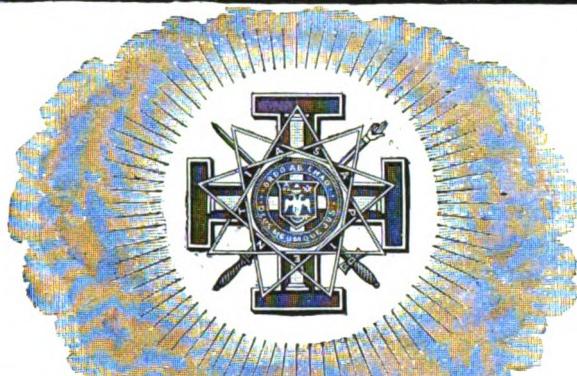
As a citizen he was public-spirited, and always interested and active in whatever would promote the interests of his State or his city. But

he was not to be turned from following what seemed to him to be the just course, either in local, political or masonic matters, by selfish consideration; or because others, and the majority, took the opposite course.

His habit of active, almost *eager* work, he carried into masonry. His administration of the office of Grand Master for three years, drew from the best and most critical judges encomiums for ability, fidelity and good judgment, rarely accorded to any one. He was inflexible in maintaining our laws, and never sought methods of evading them in particular cases, when they stood in the way of doing what the Brethren might desire, and when it really seemed as if no harm could come from gratifying them. If he was found unyielding, it was when the law required him to be so. If he was ever severe, it was when those in authority in our lodges allowed or winked at an evasion of law, or the violation of the rights of the minority, though but a single member, by the majority.

To him the craft in Bangor are under great obligations. A few years since they had no hall worthy of the name; now they have apartments hardly surpassed in the State. To his courage, untiring energy and incessant labor they owe this result. Of course, he did not do all the work or furnish the means; but it is not too much to say, that but for him, the work would not have been done, nor the means furnished.

It seems inscrutable to us that he should be taken away in the prime of his manhood, and at a time when his brilliant career gave the greatest promise of usefulness in the future. But the more unexpected the death, and the greater our loss, the more powerful is the lesson taught to us who survive him. The memory of the dead, whom we loved in life, touches and softens our hearts; inspires us with better thoughts and nobler aims; encourages us to press forward in the path of duty; and is like a link reaching back across the dark river and drawing us to them. May we live as if the memory of those whom we mourn to-night was continually with us!



IN MEMORIAM.

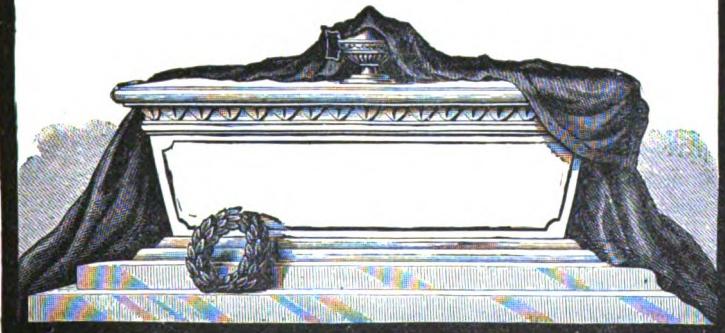
ILLUSTRIOS BROTHER

Emmons Taylor,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF
SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE,
N. M. J., U. S. A.

BORN IN RUPERT, VT., JUNE 26, 1828.
DIED AT PORTAGE, WIS., APRIL 13, 1874.

"In life, beloved; in death, lamented."



EMMONS TAYLOR, 33°, OF WISCONSIN.

The Active Members from Wisconsin present the following report upon the decease of Bro.: EMMONS TAYLOR, 33°:

Sharp and crushing as is the fall of the heavy hand of death, and especially so when it takes from our sight one who in his lifetime hath been dear to us, yet it leaves us the privilege, sorrowful though it be, of perpetuating the evidence of his worth and of testifying to the affection which we have borne him. And so, with sad but loving hearts, we make this brief memorial to our Illustrious Brother and hearty friend, EMMONS TAYLOR.

He was born at Rupert, in the State of Vermont, June 26, 1828; he died at Portage, in the State of Wisconsin, April 13, 1874. He graduated at Williams' College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1847; read law at Granville, New York, with the Hon. JAMES C. HOPKINS, now Judge of the District Court of the United States, for the Western District of Wisconsin; removed to Wisconsin in 1847, and resided at Portage continuously until his decease. He was elected District Attorney of his County in 1868 for two years; and in 1870 and 1872 was unanimously re-elected to the same office for like terms.

He received the Symbolic Degrees in Masonry in Granville Lodge, No. 55, at Granville, New York; the degrees of the Chapter in Fort Winnebago Chapter, No. 14, at Portage, Wisconsin; the Orders of the Temple in Fort Winnebago Commandery, No. 4, at the same place; the grades of the A.: A.: Scottish Rite, to the thirty-second grade, in the Bodies of the Rite located at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and the honorary grade of Ill.: Inspector General, 33°, at the session of the Supreme Council held at Chicago, on the 18th day of November, 1873. He had held many offices in the different Bodies of the craft; was, during the years 1871, 1872 and 1873, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin; and at the date of his death was Grand Commander of that Grand Body, and also was T.: P.: Grand Master of Fort Winnebago Lodge of Perfection, at Portage, Wisconsin.

His funeral obsequies were conducted by the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin; were attended by large numbers of the masonic fraternity, by the Judges of the Supreme and other Courts of the State, members of the bar, and by the community generally—all business being suspended.

On the first day of the term of Court in Columbia County, next ensuing his death, a memorial meeting of the bar of that and other counties was held, which was attended also by citizens generally of the vicinity, and many loving and tender eulogies of him were pronounced by his professional Brethren and by the Judges before whom he had practiced.

He was a very able lawyer in his profession, and as an advocate had few, if any, peers in it. No lawyer at the bar of Wisconsin, at the

same age, had greater eminence or gave more promise of continued growth than he. He stood in the front rank, and he reached it almost at a bound,—not by the slow process of climbing. He was devoted wholly to the profession of which he had made choice; and he carried into it, as he did everywhere, a rich and cultured taste, an extensive learning, a truth and sincerity that pervaded all his nature, a genial and kindly manner that opened every heart to him, a manly firmness and an unbending rectitude. In private intercourse, in professional practice and in his masonic walks, these and many other noble qualities were daily and continually made clearly manifest. In all relations he was admired and esteemed; was respected and loved. He has left a memory without blemish, a record without spot or stain.

He was devotedly attached to the masonic fraternity. He loved the institution for the good that there is in it; and in time was himself ennobled by the practice of the virtues which it professes. The hearts of all his Brethren who knew him and saw his bright example, went out to him, and he was lovingly enshrined in them all. He held office at their demand and in the need of the craft for the rare service that he delighted to give them; yet he sought no preferment for himself, and was as content when serving in the humblest position as when occupying the highest place of honor.

An eminent lawyer, an esteemed and useful citizen, a kind and generous friend, a distinguished mason has passed through death to the life hereafter. Few that have gone before are so lovingly remembered; few are so sincerely regretted; few are so tenderly mourned.

ALVIN B. ALDEN, 33°,

Deputy for Wisconsin.

H. L. PALMER, 33°.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Relations having failed, on account of the illness of the Chairman, to make a report at the session of the Supreme Council, I deem it expedient for the information of our members, to publish the following correspondence.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
Sov.: Gr.: Com.:

COPY OF LETTER FROM SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, &C.,
WITH WARRANT FOR FORMATION OF SUPREME
COUNCIL OF CANADA.

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM
INGENTIS.

N. 181.

ORDO AB CHAO.

FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE 33°, OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, AND THE DEPENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNDER THE C.: C.: OF THE ZENITH, NEAR THE B.: B.:, ANSWERING TO 51° 30' N. LAT., AND 6° W. MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH.

To the very Ill.: Bro.: T. D. HARINGTON, 33°, M.: P.: S.: Gr.: Com.:,
Nominate of Supreme Council, Canada.

DEAR AND VERY ILL.: BROTHER :

In continuation of the resolution conveyed to you under date 2d June last, I have now the great pleasure and gratification of transmitting to you by this mail the warrant or charter creating and constituting a Supreme Council, 33°, for the Dominion of Canada, and of which, in accordance with the suffrages of your Brethren, forwarded by you in your letter of 24th June last, you are therein designated M.: P.: S.: Gr.: Com.:, "ad vitam," the remaining members to be nominated in the manner laid down by the Grand Constitutions of 1786, it being of

course understood that, at least, one of your members shall be chosen from the Brethren in New Brunswick, now under the Supreme Council of Scotland: a point indeed which that Supreme Council has stipulated for as a "*Sine qud non*" to their concurrence in the formation of your Supreme Council.

With reference to your nomination of Ill.: Bro.: Col. McL. MOORE, 33°, as our Grand Representative near your Grand East, and your request that Ill.: Bro.: Dr. HAMILTON, 33°, might be your Grand Representative near ours, I have much pleasure in stating that our Supreme Council heartily approve of both appointments, and Col. MOORE's patent and official jewel will be transmitted to him as soon as we are advised of the inauguration of your Supreme Council.

It now only remains for me, on behalf of the Supreme Council of England and Wales, &c., to say, in thus severing, at your own request, the cord that has hitherto bound you to our side, that most heartily and fraternally do we wish the Supreme Council of Canada "*God speed!*" and to express our present hope and prayer that it may have a prosperous and happy future. Congratulating yourself personally on the high position to which you have so worthily attained, I remain,

Dear and Ill.: Brother,

Yours fraternally,

[L. S.]

CARNARVON, 33°,

Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, 33°,

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:

Dated at our Grand East, 33 Golden Square, London, W., this 15th day of July, 1874.

P. S. Since writing the preceding, the Supreme Council have succeeded in obtaining the signature to your warrant of H.: R.: H.: The Prince of Wales, K.: G.:, &c., &c., Grand Patron of the Order in England and Wales; an addition, which, no doubt will be highly appreciated by the Supreme Council of Canada.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, 33°

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:

**COPY OF WARRANT REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING
LETTER.**

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INGENTIS.**

ORDO AB CHAO.

**ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Patron of the A.: and A.: S.: Rite, 33°,
England and Wales.**

**FROM THE EAST OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND IN-
SPECTORS-GENERAL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND AC-
CEPTED RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE DE-
PENDENCIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNDER THE C. C. OF THE ZENITH NEAR
THE B. B., ANSWERING TO 51° 30' N. LAT., AND 6° W. MERIDIAN OF GREEN-
WICH.**

To all to whom these presents may come :

HEALTH, STABILITY, POWER.

Know ye, that we, the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, lawfully and constitutionally established at our Grand East, London, in Supreme Council of the thirty-third and last degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry, and duly congregated this first day of Ab, Anno Hm., 5634, Anno Lucis, 5878, which corresponds to the 15th day of July, Anno Christi, 1874, A. Ord. 756, and A. M. 560, at our Grand Council Chamber, a sacred asylum where reign union, contentment, wisdom, do by these presents declare, and do certify and acknowledge, that our Illustrious Brother THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, at present residing in Ottawa, in the dominion of Canada, is Master and Past Master of all Symbolic Lodges ; Secret Master, Perfect Master, Intimate Secretary ; Provost and Judge ; Intendant of the Buildings ; Elected Knight of Nine ; Illustrious Elected of Fifteen ; Sublime Knight Elected ; Grand Master Architect ; Royal Arch ; Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason ; Knight of the East or of the Sword ; Prince of Jerusaleme ; Knight of the East and West ; Sovereign Prince Rose Croix of Harodim ; Grand Pontiff ; Grand Master of all Symbolic Lodges ; Patriarch Noachite ; Prince of Libanus ; Chief of the Tabernacle ; Prince of the Tabernacle : Knight of the Brazen Serpent ; Prince of Mercy ; Commander of the Temple ; Knight of the Sun ; Knight of St. Andrew ; Grand Elect Knight K-H ; Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander ; Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-third Degree, with all Supreme Rights, Prerogatives and Immunities appertaining to that Eminent Degree and Official Dignity.

We furthermore nominate and appoint our said Illustrious Brother THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON to be an Honorary Member of our Grand

and Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for England and Wales and the Colonies, with the full power and authority to form, organize and establish, agreeably to the Grand Constitutions of our Illustrious Order, dated at Berlin, in Prussia, A. D. 1786, a Grand and Supreme Council of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third degree for the Dominion of Canada, to hold their Grand East in the City of Ottawa.

We hereby appoint, constitute and acknowledge our said Illustrious Brother THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, to be the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, *ad vitam*.

Wherefore, We have deemed it advisable to deliver to him these credentials, enjoining and commanding all our aforesaid Illustrious Princes, Knights and Sublime Masons, over the surface of the two hemispheres, to receive and acknowledge, obey and submit, to our said Most Illustrious Brother THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, in all his aforesaid Eminent Degrees, qualities and official dignities.

In testimony whereof, we, the aforesaid Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, in Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree, duly and legally assembled, have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the Grand Seal of our Illustrious Order, at the date and place aforesaid.

CARNARVON, 33°,

H. CLERK, 33°, *Sovereign Gr.: Commander.*

Grand Treasurer. NATHANIEL GEO. PHILIPS, 33°,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, 33°, *P.: S.: G.: C.: and Lieut.: G.: Com.:*

Gr.: Sec.: General. J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°,

CHAS. JNO. VIGNE, 33°, *Gr.: Chancellor.*

P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander.

M. COSTA, 33°, [L. S.] ROBERT HAMILTON, 33°,

Gr.: Capt.: of Guards. *Gr.: Chaplain.*

HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°, ALEX. WM. ADAIR, 33°,

Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: General. *Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: General.*

Registered in the Archives of the Supreme Council, 33°.

WILLIAM HYDE PULLEN, 33°,

Assistant Secretary to Supreme Council.

MEMORANDUM.

The Supreme Council of Canada was organized on the sixteenth of October, 1874. Its Constitutions provide for twenty-one Active Members. T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON is Sov.: Gr.: Commander, and ROBERT MARSHALL, Gr.: Lieut. Commander; JOHN V. ELLIS was elected as the

member required by the warrant to be taken from the Scotch Body at St. Johns, New Brunswick.

There were present, Ill.: T. D. HARINGTON, 33°, Ill.: MCLEOD MOORE 33°, Ill.: J. W. MURTON, 33°, Ill.: H. A. MACKAY, 33°, Ill.: D. R. MUNRO, 33°, residents of Canada.

Ill.: Bro.: ALBERT PIKE, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, was present; also Ill.: D. BURNHAM TRACY, 33°, of our Supreme Council, whom I requested to represent me, as I was unable to be present.

Proceeding under the Constitutions of 1786, Bro.: HARINGTON appointed Bro.: MARSHALL Gr.: Lt.: -Commander, and the two appointed Bro.: J. W. MURTON as the third member, with the rank of Gr.: Secretary General.

The Gr.: Commander was then installed by Bro.: PIKE, and the "Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Free-masonry, for the Dominion of Canada," declared to be constitutionally established.

Thereupon the following Brethren were elected: H. A. MACKAY, Treas.: Gen.: H.: E.:; D. R. MUNRO, Master of Ceremonies; J. K. KERR, Standard Bearer; JAMES DOMVILLE, Marshal Gen.:; H. W. CHISHOLM, Capt. of the Guard.

Ill.: Bros.: JOHN V. ELLIS, of St. John, WILLIAM REID, of Hamilton, WILLIAM H. HUTTON, of Montreal, and E. M. COPELAND, of Montreal, were elected to receive the thirty-third grade, which was conferred upon them by Bro.: PIKE, and they were all elected Active Members, and Bro.: Ellis as Gr.: Chancellor.

Representatives were appointed near other Supreme Councils, among whom is Ill.: D. BURNHAM TRACY, near ours.

The number of Active Members was fixed at twenty-one, three of whom are to be taken from Nova Scotia.

A Committee was appointed to prepare a draft of a Constitution.

"Ill.: Bros.: PIKE and DRUMMOND were unanimously elected to be Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, and a vote of thanks to those distinguished Brethren was directed to be recorded on the minutes of the proceedings, for their kind and very valuable assistance in its establishment.

"It was ordered that an expression of earnest sorrow for the death of our late Ill.: Bro.: THOMAS BIRD HARRIS be recorded on the minutes of the proceedings, and that a letter of condolence be sent to his bereaved widow.

"Also for the decease of our late Ill.: Bro.: HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF LEINSTER, S.: G.: I.: G.:, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of Ireland, and that a copy of the resolution be transmitted to that Illustrious Body."

The officers and Active Members of this Supreme Council are now as follows:

OFFICERS.

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| T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, 33°, . . . | M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander. |
| ROBERT MARSHALL, 33°, . . . | Ill.: Lieut..Gr.: Commander. |
| JOHN WALTER MURTON, 33°, . . . | " Secretary Gen.: H.: E.: |
| HUGH ALEXANDER MACKAY, 33°, . . . | " Treasurer Gen.: H.: E.: |
| JOHN VALENTINE ELLIS, 33°, . . . | " Gr.: Chancellor. |
| DAVID RANSOM MUNRO, 33°, . . . | " Mas.: of Ceremonies. |
| JAMES DOMVILLE, 33°, . . . | " Marshal General. |
| JAMES KIRKPATRICK KERR, 33°, . . . | " Standard Bearer. |
| HUGH WILLIAMS CHISHOLM, 33°, . . . | " Captain of the Guard. |

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J. H. D.

LETTER FROM BENJAMIN ODIO, 33°, IN BEHALF OF THE
SUPREME COUNCIL OF CUBA.

NEW YORK, September 12th, 1874.

To M.: P.: JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the
Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.,
Portland, Me.

M.: P.: AND DEAR BROTHER:

Ill.: Bro.: MORIARTY, Assistant Secretary of your Supreme Council, with whom I had a pleasant interview yesterday, referred me to you for information in regard to any allusion in your annual address, or report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, to your Supreme Council, at its last session in Boston, on the subject of the solicitations of the Supreme Council of Colon and the West Indies, that I represent, for the interchange of Representatives and the renewal of relations of amity. Perhaps I should await for the publication of your Proceedings, to obtain therefrom the desired information, and I will do so if you think I am overtaxing your kindness in presenting this request.

I was told, soon after the close of your previous session at Chicago, that the matter had been referred to you with power; and as I believed that your next meeting would take place one year thereafter, i. e., in November, I still was in hopes that you might, in the shape of an official reply to my communication of August, 1873, foreshadow your course, or at least demand from me any further information you might think necessary in the premises. I was, however, surprised to learn about the middle of last August, from a member of your Supreme

Council, that it was to meet only two or three days thereafterwards. I then hurriedly applied to Ill.: Bro.: DANIEL SICKLES (believing him yet your Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:) for information; and I requested him to express to you my disappointment at being unable, at so short a notice, to prepare any further statement to be presented to your Supreme Council; and I also requested him to kindly mention to you that my Supreme Council would be much obliged if you would favorably consider our request.

It was then that I was favored with the "Proceedings" of your previous session (1873), wherein I learned of the kind allusion contained in your annual message, and of the report of your committee, expressing that they still had some doubts, and recommending the postponement of the consideration of the subject. Had I known that before, I would have felt it my duty to seek an audience before your committee, and lay before them such facts as would warrant the conviction of our right to correspond with all regularly established Supreme Councils, and remove all doubts in their minds as to the expediency of renewing amicable relations.

As it is now, my future course will depend on the action taken at your last session; but I will improve this opportunity to state that I am in receipt of communications from my Supreme Council, wherein I am informed that in spite of the difficulties surrounding the Order at its Grand East—on account of the war in Cuba—its members are now more than ever determined to defy all risks, in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon them, of spreading the sacred teachings of our Institution and laboring to develop its usefulness. These efforts, although carried out in concealment, are showing a good result, and the Institution rests in that jurisdiction, on even more solid basis than heretofore, the authority of the Supreme Council of Colon and the West Indies being now undisputed, and the success of its work being guaranteed by the prosperous condition of the three Grand Consistories established respectively at Havana, Porto Rico and St. Thomas, under the direction of competent delegates of the Supreme Council, and with the coöperation of a sufficient number of its own members at each valley.

For your information I herewith hand you a copy of printed tableau, which has been sent to me, of the names, dates of election, residence and occupation of the thirty-nine Active and Honorary Members of my Supreme Council, in March last. Should this tableau be published, I pray that the true names be suppressed, and those in parenthesis (by which we are known among ourselves) only printed; this precaution being necessary to avoid injury to the parties.

In the communications from my Supreme Council, to which I am now referring, allusion is again made to the unjust charge being laid at the door of our Institution, of being connected with the "rebellion;" and only noticed to again emphatically repel it and deny it. As this

charge is maliciously repeated, and those within the territory, who from their own knowledge could successfully defend our Institution, are debarred from taking any steps in this direction, I take this opportunity of also repeating to you that said charge is utterly false. And I undertake to disprove it by calling your attention to the nationality of 17 out of the 39 members of the Supreme Council, whose names I have checked in the enclosed tableau. They are Spaniards by birth, and servants of the Spanish Government in the regular Army and Navy, and in other departments, some of them widely known as the bitterest enemies of the "rebels." Others among the members are foreigners, domiciled within the jurisdiction, who remain entirely indifferent to the strife, their sympathies perhaps leaning towards the Spanish side. The rest are natives, and on these only suspicion might rest of taking an interest in the war, against Spain, and in favor of the patriots. But if it is considered that all those among the natives who were suspected of "infidencia," since the beginning of the war (six years ago), have either been executed or imprisoned, it is a clear proof that the names of those that remain are exempt from any imputation. I think, in fact, they are nearly all serving in the Spanish militia.

I invite you to direct your inquiries—if you deem it necessary to make any—through those of the members, who, being outside of Cuba, are more at liberty to express their opinions, and I am confident that you will feel satisfied in the end that the Supreme Council of Colon and the West Indies is deserving of the highest commendation for their enthusiasm in the cause of masonry and of our Rite, for their efforts in the midst of dangers unknown to the outside world, and for their discretion in conducting the business of the Order to the best of its interests, quietly and unostentatiously, but honorably and steadily; and hoping for a better future, when they may be enabled to work in the light of day, and then be placed on the same footing with the other Supreme Councils of the world, and enjoy all the advantages of their untrammelled position, of which the Supreme Council of Colon and the West Indies alone is deprived.

I am sure that your sense of justice, and love of fellowship, will make it evident to you that it is wrong for any Supreme Council that can obtain, through that of the Southern Jurisdiction and from other sources, sufficient information of these matters to warrant a friendly course towards the Supreme Council of Colon and the W. I., to withhold their sympathy and co-operation from so deserving a Body, the more in need of their countenance and moral support because of its own difficulties in striving for its vindication, and for arriving at a stand-point whence other Councils, more remote and not as well enabled as your own to get at the facts, might recognize it and hail it as their peer and co-worker in the glorious purpose of our beloved Rite.

Be pleased, M.: P.: and Dear Brother, to excuse my liberty in taxing your time and attention. I have felt that the great interest you take in our Institution would justify me in again bringing before you a subject which is so near my heart; and I hope that the expectations of my Supreme Council, that you will favorably respond to our overtures, will soon be realized.

Very fraternally yours,

BENJAMIN ODIO, 33°,

Gr.: Foreign Representative of the Supreme Council of Colon and the W. I.

MEMORANDUM.

A copy of our proceedings of 1873 was sent to the address of Bro.: ODIO, as we then had it, but he failed to receive it. Expecting to hear further from him, I took no action in the matter, nor did the Committee on Foreign Relations. As the matter rests, no action can be taken in the premises until our next session.

J. H. D.

BALUSTRE FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

THE M.: P.: SUPREME COUNCIL AND GRAND ORIENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

To the Sov.: Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States:

No. 79.

P.: AND ILL.: BRO.: :

I comply with the painful but indispensable duty of informing you that Argentine masonry is undergoing at this time, a period of tribulation which will, I hope, be brief.

Seven Grand Inspectors, four Lodges and one Chapter have separated themselves from allegiance to this Grand Order, under the pretext of illegalities committed at the last election of the undersigned to the Grand Mastership of the Order, but really because they could not secure the triumph of the candidate of their sympathies, in the ranks of the masonic community.

The trial of the members implicated is now preparing, and you will be duly informed of the whole case, this not having been done hitherto, because I desired to exhaust all persuasive means, which have now been essayed without success. The undersigned himself submitted his conduct to the judgment of the Cent.: Gr.: Lodge and P.: Mason, and received their most honorable approbation.

The Grand Orient which I have the honor to preside over numbers thirty Grand Inspectors, Active and Honorary, together with *twenty-eight* Lodges and five Chapters of its allegiance.

The lodges implicated are the "Unione Italiana," "Germania," "Tolerancia," "Les Amis de la Vérité," originally emancipated in consequence of possessing a masonic edifice in which they carry on their work.

The Grand Inspectors rebelling against the authority of the Grand Orient are DANIEL MARIA CAZON, MANUEL H. LANGENHEIM, EMILIO LANDOIS, JOSE V. CABRAL, ROBERT HEMPEL and AUGUSTINE BATTILANA.

The Supreme Council has suspended these Brethren and those who have followed them, until the proceedings instituted against them shall have been brought to a close and a definite sentence pronounced.

All this I make my duty to communicate to you, M.: P.: Ill.: Bro.: Gr.: Com.: Gr.: Master, in order that in honor to the masonic dignity of the universe, and in respect to the treaties of the powers of the Scottish and other Accepted Rites, you may please to admit no direct or indirect communication with the rebel masons; thus respecting the mutual independence of the international masonic authorities, in the assurance that this Grand Orient has observed and does observe invariably the same line of conduct toward the other masonic powers of the world.

Praying you to advise me of the receipt of this circular, I salute you in the name of the Argentine Grand Orient, saluting through you the Grand Orient over which you preside.

(Signed) NICANOR ALBARELOS,

S.: G.: C.: G.: M.:

Buenos Aires, July 10, 1873.

CARLOS URICA,

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:

BALUSTRE FROM THE SAME TO THE SAME.

THE M.: P.: SUPREME COUNCIL AND GRAND ORIENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

To the Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

No. 85.

P.: AND ILL.: BRO.:

The M.: P.: Supreme Council and Grand Orient for the Argentine Republic convened in extraordinary assembly, and 17 Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors being present, the 17th October, 1873, v.: E.:, using the powers which the fundamental Constitutions of the Rite and the general Regulations confer upon it, has taken into consideration the attitude assumed by the initiates who were suspended in their masonic attributes by the decrees of May 27, June 2, June 27, July 3, and Sept. 18, of the current year, a list of whom is herewith transmitted, and has resolved to decree as follows:

"1. That the initiates who have been suspended by the above mentioned decrees, stand convicted and confessed of the offense of rebellion against the Supreme Authority of the Order.

"2. That they stand equally convicted and confessed of the offense of usurpation of the title and faculties of the Supreme Authority of the Order.

"3. That this rebellion and usurpation is practical and patent in this country and abroad, and that it is consequently needless to make any investigation to demonstrate the offense."

And considering—

"1. That notwithstanding the course pursued by the delinquents, the Supreme Council, believing that reflection would have led them to realize the error of their conduct, had vainly endeavored, extra-officially, to induce them to return to the bosom of the regular confraternity, without humiliation.

"2. That notwithstanding this fraternal demeanor, they persist in an obstinate endeavor to officiate as the legitimate power of the Order.

"3. That apart from the duties imposed upon it by the Constitution and self-respect of the Order, the fundamental Constitutions of the Rite, confirmed by the treaty of 1834, prohibit it to recognize any [other] power whatever, legitimate or refractory, of the same Rite within its jurisdiction.

"4. That the attitude of the delinquents entails, in addition to the disrespect and disregard toward the regular authority, the seeds of anarchy and disorganization of the Order.

"In view of the Articles 281, § 3, of the Constitution, which considers as a grave offense the act of insubordination, and 285, which punishes it by definitive expulsion."

DECREES.

"1. The initiates suspended in their rights and privileges, by dates of May 27, June 2 and 27, July 3, and Sept. 18, of the current year, and all those others who have adhered or do adhere to their circles, are hereby definitively expelled from the Order; this resolution being not applicable to those who may cause their diplomas to be legalized in the Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: of the H.: E.:

"2. No Body in allegiance to the S.: C.: and Gr.: Or.: of the Argentine Republic can hold communication with the circles belonging to the group of the expelled.

"3. Admission into the meeting rooms of the Order is forbidden for every initiate who adheres to the circles which have been expelled, and it is similarly prohibited for all initiates belonging to the Bodies of this allegiance to visit the expelled circles.

"4. Let this be circulated in all the Bodies of the Order, and communicated to the other regular Masonic Powers of the two worlds, and published by the Masonic Press."

This I have the honor to communicate to you for your guidance.

By order of the M.: P.: S.: C.: and G.: Or.:,

(Signed)

CARLOS URICA, 33°,

Buenos Aires, Oct. 21, 1873.

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:

BALUSTRE FROM THE SAME TO THE SAME.

THE M.: P.: SUPREME COUNCIL AND GRAND ORIENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

To the Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States:

No. 86.

P.: AND ILL.: BRO.:;

Not having received up to this date any reply to the circular No. 79, which was sent to you under the date of July 10 of the past year, we suppose, with reason, that this has failed to reach you, as well as the printed documents, in which was communicated to all regular masonic authorities the account of the discord which has occurred by reason of the re-election of P.: Bro.: NICANOR ALBARELLOS, 33°, as Gr.: Mas.: Gr.: Com.: of the Order; and this Supreme Council and Gr.: Orient has resolved that it be sent you anew in duplicate, for the purposes set forth in the same.

At the same time is transmitted the decree of expulsion, issued by the Supreme Council and Gr.: Orient, on October 17th of the past year, against all those Brethren who are in rebellion against our regular authority, the names of these being transmitted in print; but your attention ought especially to be called, nevertheless, to those names which are underscored in said list, this mark signifying that during the interval which has elapsed between their expulsion and this present date, they have returned to their obedience to us, thereby giving us cause for great satisfaction.

We have also, at this time, the pleasure of bringing to your knowledge that the Aug.: L.: and Chapt.: "Unione Italiana" and "Estrella del Orienté" have likewise returned to our regular centre; and that, although the names of these two respectable Bodies also appear among the circle of the Brethren who have been expelled, this can in no wise affect the rights acquired by those members who are legally and regularly organized, apart from the fact that the number of dissentients who compose them is greatly reduced.

We, therefore, hope to receive from your just authority a prompt and decided expression, since the consolidation and existence of our Institution demands this.

It is gratifying to avail ourselves of this opportunity to salute you cordially and fraternally in behalf of the S.: T.: and P.: of the Order.

(Signed)

CARLOS URICA, 33°,

Gr.: Sec.: Gen.:

Orient of Buenos Ayres, 12th June, 1874, v.: e'.

MEMORANDUM.

In consequence of these communications I have suspended the functions of Ill.: DANIEL MARIA CAZON, as our Representative near that Supreme Council, and have specially commissioned an Illustrious Brother to inquire into the matters in dispute and report to me, for the information of the Supreme Council.

J. H. D.

LETTER FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND, ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF ILL.: SAMUEL SOMERVILLE, 33°.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

ORDO AB CHAO.

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND OF THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

Ill.: Bro.: SAMUEL SOMERVILLE, of Ampherlaw, 33°, G.: G.: Treasurer H.: E.:, one of the original members of the Supreme Council for Scotland, of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, departed this life on Saturday, 12 September, 1874, to the deep sorrow of the Scottish Craft, of which he was a valued and esteemed member.

J. WHYTE MELVILLE, 33°,

L. MACKERSY, 33°,

Sov.: Gr.: Com.:

G.: G.: Sec.: H.: E.:

LETTER FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF IRELAND, ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF THEIR M.: P.: SOV.: GR.: COMMANDER, THE DUKE OF LEINSTER, 33°.

FREEMASONS' HALL, Dublin, Oct. 16, 1874.

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER:

It is with profound regret that I announce the demise of our venerable and beloved Grand Master, and Sov.: Grand Commander, His GRACE THE DUKE OF LEINSTER. The sad event took place on the 10th inst., at noon. HIS GRACE was in his 84th year.

For 61 years he presided over the craft in Ireland, as Grand Master, and also as head of all the degrees of the A.: and A.: Rite, worked in this country. His kind and gentle manner and unassuming deportment had won the affection of all his Brethren. His very munificent charity towards the orphans of deceased members who needed assistance cannot be forgotten, no more than his liberal contributions

towards any object connected with the honor or welfare of our Order. The craft deeply mourns his loss, and feels assured of the sympathy of the Ill.: Members of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction.

Believe me, Ill.: and Dear Brother,

Yours Faithfully and Fraternally,

GEO. CHATTERTON, 33°,

ILL.: BRO.: DANIEL SICKELS, 33°,

Sec.: Gen.: H.: E.:

Sec.: General H.: E.: Northern Jurisdiction U. S. A.

TABLEAU
 OF
THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGN GRAND
INSPECTORS GENERAL
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE,
 FOR
THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND EAST, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

1874-1875.

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| CLINTON FREEMAN PAIGE, | <i>" Secretary General.</i> |
| SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, | <i>" Keeper of Archives.</i> |
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| MARQUIS F. KING, | <i>" Marshal of the Camp.</i> |
| CHARLES BECHTEL, | <i>" " " "</i> |
| JED. P. C. COTTRILL, | <i>" " " "</i> |

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| ORRIN WELCH, | Syracuse, | " New York. |

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| HOMER STANLEY GOODWIN, 33°, | Bethlehem, Penn. |
| CHARLES WILLIAM CARTER, 33°, | Norwich, Conn. |
| WILLIAM BARRETT, 33°, | Nashua, N. H. |

*Died Oct. 17, 1874.

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| JOHN CAVEN, 33°, | Indianapolis, Ind. |
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| ABRAHAM TOLLES METCALF, 33°, | Kalamazoo, Mich. |
| ORRIN WELCH, 33°, | Syracuse, N. Y. |
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| ALBERT GALLATIN GOODALL, 33°, | New York, N. Y. |
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| | Date of Active Membership. |
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| JOHN CHRISTIE, 33°, | April 3, 1845. |
| KILLIAN HENRY VAN RENSELAER, 33°, | June 17, 1845. |
| DANIEL SICKELS, 33°, | May 15, 1849. |
| LUCIUS ROBINSON PAIGE, 33°, | March 20, 1861. |
| WINSLOW LEWIS, 33°, | May 16, 1861. |
| WILLIAM PARKMAN, 33°, | " " |
| WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, 33°, | " " |
| HOSMER ALLEN JOHNSON, 33°, | " " |
| NATHAN HAMMATT GOULD, 33°, | " " |
| ANTHONY E. STOCKER, 33°, | " " |
| †GEORGE WAITE DEERING, 33°, | " " |
| CHARLES THOMPSON McCLENACHAN, 33°, | July 12, 1861. |

†Vacated May 17, 1865. Emeritus Member until Nov. 12, 1873, when elected an Active Member.

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| HENRY CHAPMAN BANKS, 33°,..... | Nov. 7, 1861. |
| WILLIAM PITT PREBLE, 33°,..... | May 22, 1862. |
| DAVID BURNHAM TRACY, 33°,..... | " " |
| JOSIAH HAYDEN DRUMMOND, 33°,..... | May 23, 1862. |
| BENJAMIN DEAN, 33°,..... | " " |
| JOHN LIVEY LEWIS, 33°,..... | April 16, 1863. |
| ENOCH TERRY CARSON, 33°,..... | May 20, 1863. |
| JOSEPH DAVIS EVANS, 33°,..... | " " |
| JOSEPH HOWELL HOUGH, 33°,..... | May 19, 1864. |
| WILLIAM R. HIGBY, 33°,..... | Oct. 20, 1864. |
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| CLINTON FREEMAN PAIGE, 33°,..... | " " |
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| HENRY LYNDE PALMER, 33°,..... | " " |
| *NATHANIEL BRADSTREET SHURTLEFF,..... | May 17, 1865. |
| ROBERT HARRIS FOSS, 33°,..... | " " |
| HEMAN ELY, 33°,..... | May 19, 1865. |
| JOHN HATCH GEORGE, 33°,..... | " " |
| HOMER STANLEY GOODWIN, 33°,..... | " " |
| CHARLES WILLIAM CARTER, 33°,..... | " " |
| WILLIAM BARRETT, 33°,..... | Dec. 14, 1865. |
| RUFUS WHARTON LANDON, 33°,..... | May 19, 1866. |
| JOHN CAVEN, 33°,..... | " " |
| JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°,..... | June 6, 1866. |
| RICHARD MANNING BARKER, 33°,..... | Dec. 13, 1866. |
| THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, 33°,..... | " " |
| ROBERT MCCOSKRY GRAHAM, 33°,..... | " " |
| SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, 33°,..... | Dec. 14, 1866. |
| ELBRIDGE GARY HAMILTON, 33°,..... | April 11, 1867. |
| WALTER AUGUSTUS STEVENS, 33°,..... | April 27, 1867. |
| ABRAHAM TOLLES METCALF, 33°,..... | May 2, 1867. |
| ORRIN WELCH, 33°,..... | May 16, 1867. |
| ALVIN BLODGET ALDEN, 33°,..... | " " |
| CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, 33°,..... | " " |
| ALBERT GALLATIN GOODALL, 33°,..... | " " |
| REV. THOMAS RALPH AUSTIN, 33°,..... | " " |
| VINCENT LOMBARD HURLBUT, 33°,..... | June 26, 1868. |
| CHRISTIAN FREDERICK KNAPP, 33°,..... | Sept. 18, 1872. |

*Died Oct. 17, 1874.

ACTIVE MEMBERS,

WITH DATE OF THEIR RECEIVING THE GRADE.

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| JOHN CHRISTIE,..... | April 8, 1845. |
| KILLIAN HENRY VAN RENNSELAER,..... | June 17, 1845. |
| DANIEL SICKELS,..... | May 15, 1849. |
| WILLIAM R. HIGBY,..... | April 28, 1858. |
| ENOCH TERRY CARSON,..... | May 18, 1860. |
| CHARLES THOMPSON McCLENACHAN,..... | Dec. 15, 1860. |
| LUCIUS ROBINSON PAIGE,..... | March 20, 1861. |
| WINSLOW LEWIS,..... | May 16, 1861. |
| WILLIAM PARKMAN,..... | " " |
| WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER,..... | " " |
| HOSMER ALLEN JOHNSON,..... | " " |
| NATHAN HAMMATT GOULD,..... | " " |
| ANTHONY E. STOCKER,..... | " " |
| GEORGE WAITE DEERING,..... | " " |
| HENRY CHAPMAN BANKS,..... | Aug. 28, 1861. |
| JOHN SHEVILLE,..... | Sept. 30, 1861. |
| THOMAS JOHNSON CORSON,..... | Jan. 24, 1862. |
| JOSEPH DAVIS EVANS,..... | May 21, 1862. |
| JOSIAH HAYDEN DRUMMOND,..... | " " |
| WILLIAM PITTS PREBLE,..... | " " |
| *NATHANIEL BRADSTREET SHURTLEFF,..... | " " |
| DAVID BURNHAM TRACY,..... | " " |
| ROBERT HARRIS FOSS,..... | " " |
| BENJAMIN DEAN,..... | May 22, 1862. |
| HEMAN ELY,..... | " " |
| JOHN LIVEY LEWIS,..... | June 5, 1862. |
| CLINTON FREEMAN PAIGE,..... | June 5, 1862. |
| RICHARD MANNING BARKER, | Nov. 21, 1862. |
| ORRIN WELCH,..... | Jan. 8, 1863. |
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| AARON KING,..... | April 13, 1863. |
| THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE,..... | May 6, 1863. |
| HENRY LYNDE PALMER,..... | May 10, 1863. |
| ALVIN BLODGET ALDEN,..... | " " |
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| RUFUS WHARTON LANDON,..... | " " |
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| WILLIAM BARRETT,..... | April 7, 1864. |
| ALBERT GALLATIN GOODALL,..... | Sept. 16, 1864. |

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| SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, | Dec. 20, 1864. |
| VINCENT LOMBARD HURLBUT, | May 18, 1865. |
| JOHN HATCH GEORGE, | " " |
| HOMER STANLEY GOODWIN, | " " |
| CHARLES WILLIAM CARTER, | " " |
| JOHN CAVEN, | May 19, 1866. |
| ELBRIDGE GARY HAMILTON, | April 11, 1867. |
| WALTER AUGUSTUS STEVENS, | April 27, 1867. |
| ABRAHAM TOLLES METCALF, | May 2, 1867. |
| REV. THOMAS RALPH AUSTIN.. | " " |
| CHRISTIAN FREDERICK KNAPP, | June 17, 1870. |

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The following articles of the Constitution were amended at the Annual Session in 1874, so as to read as follows:

Officers, Titles and Elections.

ART. 2. The officers of the SUPREME COUNCIL shall be taken from the Active Members, as follows, viz:

1. The Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.
2. The Puissant Grand Lieutenant-Commander.
3. The Ill.: Grand Minister of State.
4. The Ill.: Grand Treasurer General of the Holy Empire.
5. The Ill.: Grand Secretary General of the Holy Empire.
6. The Ill.: Grand Keeper of the Archives.
7. The Ill.: Deputies of the Supreme Council.
8. The Ill.: Grand Master General of Ceremonies.
9. The Ill.: Grand Marshal General.
10. The Ill.: Grand Standard-Bearer.
11. The Ill.: Grand Captain of the Guard.

All the foregoing officers shall be elected triennially, by ballot, at an annual meeting of the SUPREME COUNCIL, except the Ill.: Deputies.

The first triennial election shall take place at the Annual Session in May, A. D. 1867. Active Members of the Council, *ad vitam*, with the title of Sov.: Gr.: INSPECTOR GENERAL of the thirty-third and last degree, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Council, by *viva voce* vote: three votes will reject a candidate. Honorary Members, with the title of ILL.: INSPECTOR GENERAL of the thirty-third degree, shall be elected by secret ballot; a unanimous vote is necessary to their election.

All Honorary Members shall be entitled to a seat in this SUPREME COUNCIL, except at elections and when in Executive Session; with a voice in deliberation, but not a vote or right to submit motions.

Those whose former *status* entitled them to be present in Executive Sessions, shall retain such privilege except during elections. The grade of INSPECTOR GENERAL, 33^o, shall not be voted for except at an Annual Session of the SUPREME COUNCIL; and shall only be conferred at the Annual Session, except when otherwise ordered by a unanimous vote of the SUPREME COUNCIL at an Annual Session.

When on account of absence from the Jurisdiction or from any other cause, the Sov.: GRAND COMMANDER becomes disabled from performing the duties of his office, they shall be performed by the Grand Lieutenant Commander as Deputy, until the disability shall cease or the term of said officer shall expire. The fact of such disability shall be verified by the SUPREME COUNCIL at its first meeting afterwards, be spread on the records and the Order notified. Whenever one or more high offices may become vacant, the highest officer next in rank shall perform the duties of such office until the Council shall take action on the subject. In case of death or resignation of the Sov.: GRAND COMMANDER, the P.: GRAND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER shall succeed to all the rights, titles and prerogatives of the SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER for the time being; and no election of Sovereign Grand Commander shall take place until the time fixed by these Constitutions.

On all occasions of Ceremony the Officers and Members of the Supreme Council shall rank as follows:

1. Most Puissant Sov.: Grand Commander.
2. Past Most Puissant Sov.: Grand Commanders.
3. P.: Grand Lieutenant-Commanders.
4. Ill.: Grand Minister of State.
5. Ill.: Deputies of the Supreme Council.
6. Ill.: Grand Treasurer General H.: E.:
7. Ill.: Grand Secretary General H.: E.:
8. Ill.: Grand Keeper of the Archives.
9. Ill.: Grand Master General of Ceremonies.
10. Ill.: Grand Marshal General.
11. Ill.: Grand Standard-Bearer.
12. Ill.: Grand Captain of the Guard.
13. Ill.: Representatives of other Supreme Councils.
14. Active Members, according to the date of their Patents.
15. Emeritus Members, according to the date of their Patents.
16. Honorary Members, according to the date of their Patents.

Grand Secretary General.

ART. 7. The Ill.: GRAND SECRETARY GENERAL shall keep a register of all the work, deliberations and transactions of the SUPREME COUNCIL, and transcribe the same in a book kept for that purpose. He shall keep a faithful copy of all letters and communications emanating from the SUPREME COUNCIL, and attest and seal, as the case may be, every order, mandate, or act of the Body. Every diploma, brief or letter patent issued by the Council shall be attested by his signature and the seal of the Council. He shall furnish all the Subordinate Bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction with blank returns in triplicate, by the first day of June in each year. He shall receive all moneys due the SUPREME COUNCIL; shall report in detail on the first day of each

month, to the Sov.: Grand Commander, and at the Annual Session, to the SUPREME COUNCIL; and shall, at the time of making such report, pay all moneys in his hands to the Grand Treasurer General. He shall receive such compensation for his services, as the SUPREME COUNCIL shall from time to time designate, and his office shall be in the City of New York.

Powers of Deputies of the Supreme Council.

ART. 28. The SUPREME COUNCIL shall appoint at each triennial session for the election of officers, from its Active Members a Deputy of the SUPREME COUNCIL for each State and Territory within its jurisdiction, who shall represent the SUPREME COUNCIL in such District, and perform the duties, supervision and inspection assigned to them by the SUPREME COUNCIL or by the Sov.: Gr.: Commander. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Deputy, it shall be filled by the Sov.: Gr.: Commander until the next meeting of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

They shall have power and it shall be their duty—

1. To exercise the departmental powers in their respective jurisdictions;
2. To inspect all works of the Rite;
3. To see to the execution of the general laws of the Rite, and the particular Regulations of the SUPREME COUNCIL;
4. To transmit and present directly to the SUPREME COUNCIL in their own names, the petitions for dispensations, charters and letters patent preferred to them by Consistories, Chapters, Councils, Lodges, or individuals under their jurisdiction, having first obtained the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation, when such recommendation is required.

They shall collect all dues from the various Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in their respective jurisdictions, and on or before the first day of August in each year forward the same, with a detailed statement thereof, to the Grand Secretary General.

Returns.

ART. 33. All returns shall be made up to the first day of July annually.

One copy of returns with DUES shall be made to the Deputy of the District.

One copy of the returns shall be made to the Gr.: Secretary General.

The returns to both officers above mentioned shall be made by the tenth day of July in each year.

The Deputy of the District shall make his return and pay over the dues of the Subordinate Bodies by the first day of August in each year.

The Secretary of each Body shall, immediately after each election of officers, transmit a certificate thereof to the Deputy of the District,

and to the Gr.: Secretary General, with the postoffice address of the Secretary, and shall be transmitted to the Deputy within ten days thereafter.*

Committees.

ART. 46. The Standing Committees of this SUPREME COUNCIL shall be eleven in number, as follows :

1. On the General State of the Rite, to consist of three.
2. On Rituals and Ritualistic Matter, to consist of nine.
3. On Constitution and Laws, to consist of ten.
4. On Finance, to consist of three.
5. On Jurisprudence of the Rite, to consist of five.
6. On Foreign Relations, to consist of three, of which the Sov.: Gr.: Commander shall be Chairman.
7. On Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies, to consist of five.
8. On Decease of Members, to consist of three.
9. On Dispensations and Charters, to consist of three.
10. On Returns, to consist of three.
11. On Unfinished Business, to consist of three.
12. On Correspondence, to consist of three, to perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, to whom their report shall be made.

Said committees shall be appointed by the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, before the close of each annual session ; and each committee continue in office so long as its members shall be Active Members of the Council till a new committee be appointed, and shall meet for business at least twenty-four hours before the time and at the place appointed for the annual meeting of the SUPREME COUNCIL.

* There is evidently an error in the wording of the amendment. The intention probably is that the *certificate* shall be transmitted within ten days after the election.

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